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AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, I'm regularly asked, "What is the best car/truck/SUV to buy?" These days, that's a difficult but fantastic question to answer because of the sheer breadth and depth of vehicles on offer. The key to answering this question is figuring out what you want.

Is safety a priority? If so, you should know that by 2018 all cars, trucks, and SUVs will have standard backup cameras. To get the most safety for your money, don't just count airbags; look at scores on tests such as the IIHS' small overlap frontal crash test and for features such as forward collision avoidance, adaptive cruise control, and blind-spot assist systems.

A few years ago, finding a car with more than 500 horsepower would have been difficult. Now we have dozens in the 500+ club, including a 707-horsepower Dodge sedan that comes with a five-year, 100,000-mile powertrain warranty.

What fuel do you want to use? Gas, diesel, a mix of gas and electrons, or none at all? The answer is yes. We've entered a golden age of high efficiency, as automakers have deployed direct-injection technology, advanced turbo- and supercharger systems, and hybrid and electric powertrains in search of the highest mpg. Consider this: Porsche sells a hybrid sedan and hybrid and diesel versions of its large SUV, all under the halo of a game-changing hybrid supercar that gets 67 mpg.

If high technology is your thing, you're in luck because it's coming, everywhere. For 2016, BMW adds a mini touchscreen and wireless charging to the key of its new flagship 7 Series. Chevrolet put 4G LTE connectivity in every vehicle that carries the Bow Tie badge. Apple's CarPlay and Google's Android operating systems are in models from Chevy, Honda, Hyundai, Mercedes-Benz, and more starting in 2016.

There has never been a wider variety of vehicles to consider if you're looking for a new car, truck, or SUV.

So sit down, take it slow, and ask us questions on Twitter (@motortrend) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/motortrendmag). Enjoy the issue—and the search.

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SUBCOMPACT CUVS

Chevrolet Trax LT AWD	\$25,315
Honda HR-V AWD	\$26,720
Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	\$30,035
Mazda CX-3 AWD	\$29,040
Nissan Juke SL AWD	\$28,225
Subaru XV Crosstrek	\$27,645

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There's a theory in the study of generations that after a set time the traits that define one generation repeat for a future generation.

I'd argue that the auto market responds to the same generational shifts. Take a look at the average car that someone in the 1930s would drive, such as the Chevrolet Standard Six. Cars were two-box sedans that efficiently

used all the space allotted by the car's wheelbase, and because of the poor quality of the pre-interstate highway American roads, these sedans rode high for better ride quality.

Sound familiar? It should. Two-box designs to maximize interior volume and storage? Check. High ride to handle crumbling urban roadways? You got it. These

subcompact crossovers are the auto industry's answer to those early requests, remade for the millennial generation.

Some, such as the Nissan Juke SL and Subaru XV Crosstrek, are established players. Others—the 2015 Chevrolet Trax LT, 2016 Honda HR-V, 2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude, and 2016 Mazda CX-3—are new to the scene.



Generation Gap

SUBCOMPACT CUVs SQUARE OFF FOR MILLENNIAL BUYERS

1. Subaru 2. Mazda 3. Chevrolet 4. Nissan 5. Honda 6. Jeep



Ride & Handling

On the ride front, it's tough to beat the Subaru XV Crosstrek. Thanks to the longest wheelbase and the most ground clearance in the group, the Crosstrek's ride impressed us on our driving loops. "Most comfortable ride yet," logged associate editor Scott Evans. "It doesn't give up a lot in handling, either." At

least not subjectively. Objectively, the XV was near the back of the handling pack—thanks to its economy-oriented CVT, the tall crossover lapped the figure eight in 28.0 seconds at a 0.60g average.

The Jeep Renegade is another ride quality standout. The Renegade's ride is firm yet forgiving. The Renegade will toss its driver

COMPARISON

around a bit on some severe undulations, but it's never punishing. "Jeeplike" is probably the best way to describe it. At the track, the Renegade lapped the figure eight in a lengthy 28.4 seconds at 0.61 g. Associate online editor Benson Kong said it offered "sharp and immediate braking and steering reflexes." The Trax and HR-V fell somewhere in the middle. The Trax generally had good road manners, though some thought the Chevy exhibited excessive body roll during cornering. The Honda's ride was on the harsher side for a CUV with non-sporting pretensions, but none of us really found it objectionable. The HR-V lapped the figure eight in 28.0 seconds while averaging 0.62 g, and the Chevy took 29.2 seconds at 0.56 g.

The pocket rockets from Mazda and Nissan were best in test for handling. Both the CX-3 and Juke live up to their sporty designs. The CX-3's ride is stiff but never punishing, with digital director Chris Clonts noting that the CX-3 "handles highway expansion joints and

medium hits really well with no bucking." Said Evans, "You could have some fun with this one." Overall, the Juke's ride quality is a mixed bag. The Nissan handles large bumps well, but it gets brittle quick over washboard sections of road. The CX-3 and Juke were neck and neck during our handling tests. The Mazda did a 27.6-second lap at 0.66 g, and the Juke lapped the figure eight in 27.1 seconds at 0.67 g.

Performance

Though at-limit performance seldom matters to the average buyers, it's helpful to know where a vehicle's strengths and weaknesses lie. In a straight line, the quickest of the bunch not surprisingly is also the most powerful. The Nissan Juke is powered by a 1.6-liter, turbocharged I-4 making 188 hp and 177 lb-ft of torque. That power is routed through a CVT to a driver-selectable

0-60 mph		Quarter Mile	
Chevrolet Trax LT AWD	10.1	17.5 sec @ 78.2 mph	
Honda HR-V AWD	9.5	17.3 sec @ 82.2 mph	
Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	9.0	16.9 sec @ 80.8 mph	
Mazda CX-3 AWD	8.6	16.6 sec @ 83.0 mph	
Nissan Juke SL AWD	7.4	15.8 sec @ 88.9 mph	
Subaru XV Crosstrek	10.3	17.7 sec @ 79.3 mph	

Chevrolet Trax LT AWD		Honda HR-V AWD		Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	
ACCELERATION TO MPH					
0-30	3.2 sec	0-30	3.6 sec	0-30	3.2 sec
0-40	4.8	0-40	5.2	0-40	4.7
0-50	7.3	0-50	7.1	0-50	6.6
0-60	10.1	0-60	9.5	0-60	9.0
0-70	13.4	0-70	12.5	0-70	12.0
0-80	18.5	0-80	16.4	0-80	16.5
0-90	-	0-90	-	0-90	-
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	5.8	PASSING, 45-65 MPH	4.8	PASSING, 45-65 MPH	4.8
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.76 g (avg)	LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.84 g (avg)	LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.78 g (avg)
MT FIGURE EIGHT	29.2 sec @ 0.56 g (avg)	MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.0 sec @ 0.62 g (avg)	MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.4 sec @ 0.61 g (avg)
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	2,000 rpm	TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,600 rpm	TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,600 rpm

Notable Features

Mazda CX-3

The Mazda helps drivers keep their eyes on the road with its pop-up head-up display.

Honda HR-V

Those "magic" folding rear seats have four configurations.

Subaru XV Crosstrek

Toss your muddy mutts in XV's hatch and hose out the mat when you're done.

Chevrolet Trax

The Trax would snag an award for the most cupholders.

Nissan Juke

Purple! Plus, the only torque-vectoring AWD.

Jeep Renegade

It's the only vehicle here with driver-selectable off-road modes. Also, Easter eggs: 16 hidden design elements at last count.



all-wheel-drive system that features three modes: front-wheel drive, all-wheel drive, and all-wheel drive with torque vectoring. Our Juke accelerated from 0-60 mph in 7.4 seconds and through the quarter mile in 15.8 seconds at 88.9 mph. The Nissan's CVT responds well to passing maneuvers, as well, as evidenced by its 3.7-second 45-65 mph time.

Outside the confines of our test track, the Juke was an entertaining dance partner.

Braking 60-0



From its polarizing sheetmetal to its powertrain, the Juke "is assembled around the notion that driving should be fun," noted Kong. By and large, driving the Juke is just that: fun.

"Fun" is also a word that can be used to describe the Mazda CX-3. The CX-3 is powered by a 2.0-liter I-4 that produces 146 hp and 146 lb-ft of torque mated to a six-speed automatic and all-wheel-drive system that uses ambient temperature and windshield wiper status—in addition to the normal array of vehicle sensors—to determine when and how much power needs to be routed from front to back. Down about 40 horsepower from the Juke, the Mazda needed 8.6 seconds to hit 60 mph and 16.6 seconds to power through the quarter mile at 83.0 mph. The 45-65-mph pass took 4.6 seconds.

Although the Mazda was slower at the track than the Juke, you wouldn't know it from behind the wheel. "Even more engaging than the turbocharged Juke," wrote associate

online editor Jason Udy. Clonts: "It's not as fun as driving a Mazda3, but it definitely has that same 'fun-to-drive' soul."

The Jeep Renegade tailed the Mazda. In the Jeep's case, the largest engine and most transmission ratios net it mid-pack performance numbers. The Renegade is motivated by a 2.4-liter I-4 that makes 180 hp and 175 lb-ft of torque paired with a nine-speed automatic and a driver-selectable all-wheel-drive system. Like most Jeeps, the Renegade is available with multiple all-wheel-drive systems. In our Renegade Latitude tester's case, that means Jeep Active Drive, which includes an all-wheel-drive lock button in addition to user-friendly, driver's choice of Snow, Sand, and Mud modes. The Renegade's clunky nine-speed automatic limited it at the track, giving it a 9.0-second 0-60 time and a 16.9-second quarter mile time at 80.8 mph. The Jeep needed 4.8 seconds to accelerate from 45-65 mph.

On the road, the Renegade is far better

Mazda CX-3 AWD

ACCELERATION TO MPH

0-30	2.8 sec
0-40	4.4
0-50	6.2
0-60	8.6
0-70	11.4
0-80	15.1
0-90	-
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	4.6
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.85 g (avg)
MT FIGURE EIGHT	27.6 sec @ 0.66 g (avg)
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	2,000 rpm

Nissan Juke SL AWD

0-30	2.8 sec
0-40	4.0
0-50	5.5
0-60	7.4
0-70	9.7
0-80	12.6
0-90	16.2
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	3.7
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.85 g (avg)
MT FIGURE EIGHT	27.1 sec @ 0.67 g (avg)
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,750 rpm

Subaru XV Crosstrek

0-30	3.6 sec
0-40	5.4
0-50	7.6
0-60	10.3
0-70	13.7
0-80	18.1
0-90	-
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	5.6
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.81 g (avg)
MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.0 sec @ 0.60 g (avg)
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,700 rpm





An available Wi-Fi hot spot is a Chevy bonus. (Millennials love Wi-Fi.)

to drive than its numbers suggest. The Jeep feels quick and confident off the line and has exceptional road manners. Its transmission is the only question mark, as the gearbox occasionally exhibited hard shifts and hiccups during our looping. On more than one occasion it struggled to figure out which gear it should be in. "The Jeep bewilderingly will switch between holding a gear and switching too many gears, all on the same stretch of road," Kong said.

Honda's HR-V wasn't far behind the Renegade. Under the HR-V's hood sits a 1.8-liter I-4 that produces 141 hp and 127 lb-ft of torque and is paired with a CVT and an all-wheel-drive system. The HR-V needed 9.5



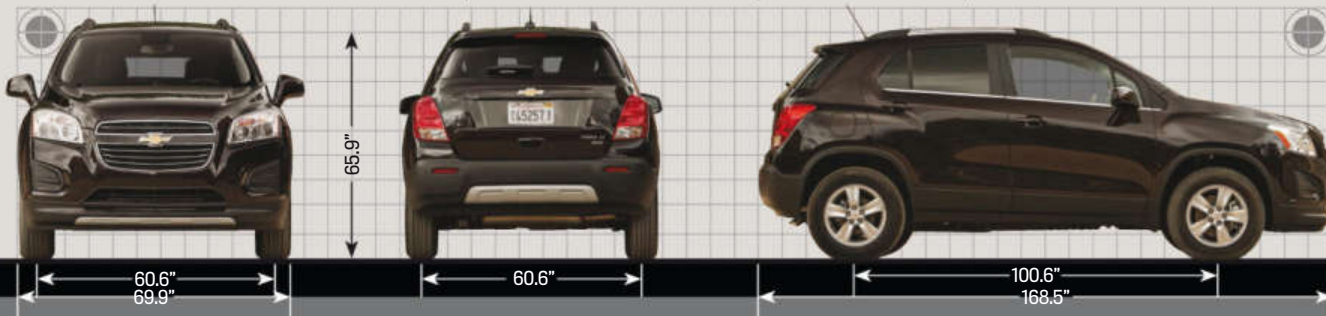
Chevrolet Trax LT AWD	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	39.6/38.8 in
LEGROOM, F/R	40.8/35.7 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	54.1/52.8 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	48.4/18.7 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	3,227 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	61/39%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.7 ft

seconds to hit 60 mph, 17.3 seconds to finish the quarter mile at 82.2 mph, and 4.8 seconds on our pass test, but the numbers don't tell the whole story.

"If you ever want moderate or better acceleration, you'll be disappointed; it's a dog on the freeway," Evans said. Kong: "I don't remember the 1.8 sounding this strained in the Civic ... the CVT logic has the engine pinging redline while merging onto the freeway." I thought everyone was making something out of nothing, but even if the HR-V isn't the slowest vehicle of the group, it feels slower than it is. The overworked engine combined with excessive cabin noise is the likely culprit, as some of the slower

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 13.1°/24.9° | GROUND CLEARANCE 6.2 in | TOWING CAPACITY Not recommended





The HR-V's interior is the most versatile, especially behind the front seats.

contenders get to speed without drama.

The Trax packs the smallest engine of the bunch yet was only the second slowest in this group. The Trax gets going courtesy of a 1.4-liter, turbocharged I-4 making 138 hp and 148 lb-ft mated to a six-speed automatic and all-wheel drive. The Trax needs 10.1 seconds to hit 60 mph and 17.5 seconds to complete the quarter mile at 78.2 mph. The passing test took the Trax 5.8 seconds. Although we normally like small turbocharged engines, we're no fans of the Chevy's setup. Power is adequate at best, and the Trax is really let down by both turbo lag and a transmission that's reluctant to shift out of top gear.

Despite its 2.0-liter flat-four making a



Honda HR-V AWD	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	37.6/38.3 in
LEGROOM, F/R	41.2/39.3 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	56.8/54.5 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	55.9/23.2 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	3,093 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	59/41%
TURNING CIRCLE	37.4 ft

class-average 148 hp and 145 lb-ft of torque, the Subaru was left huffing and puffing in the dust. The XV needed 10.3 seconds to accelerate from 0-60 mph and 17.7 seconds to finish the quarter mile at 79.3 mph. The Crosstrek managed to stave off a test-worst passing performance, needing 5.6 seconds to pass from 45-65 mph. Despite being slow at the track, you wouldn't know it out in the real world. The Subaru doesn't feel as slow as its numbers suggest as long as you don't ever firewall the throttle. Although wide-open throttle can be a chore for the XV, moderate throttle has the Subaru accelerating nicely without the sense that the engine is being overworked.

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 18.5°/21.3° | GROUND CLEARANCE 6.7 in | TOWING CAPACITY Not recommended





The Jeep Renegade most effectively balances style with function, hands down.

Efficiency

One of the major reasons automakers expect small crossovers to draw young buyers is because they cost less at the pump than bigger SUVs. In order to see which CUV is the most miserly, we handed the keys off to our Emissions Analytics team for some testing. But first, a confession: We don't have Real MPG numbers for the XV Crosstrek, as our equipment wouldn't play nice with Subaru's ECU. That said, after three weeks of testing we have no reason to doubt the XV's 26/34/29 mpg city/highway/combined EPA score.

Of the remaining five vehicles that we could test, the CX-3 came out on top, exceeding its EPA fuel economy of 27/32/29



Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	41.1/40.5 in
LEGROOM, F/R	41.2/35.1 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	55.9/55.1 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	50.8/18.5 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	3,369 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	60/40%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.3 ft

mpg with a 28.6/34.4/30.9 Real MPG score, a 6 percent improvement around town, 8 percent improvement highway, and a 7 percent improvement combined.

The HR-V wasn't far behind the CX-3. EPA-rated at 27/32/29, the HR-V also outperformed its official government scores, achieving 27.7/32.7/29.8 Real MPG. That's a 3 percent, 2 percent, and 3 percent improvement over EPA numbers on city, highway, and combined cycles, respectively.

The Nissan Juke was 1 more mpg back. Officially rated at 26/31/28 mpg by the feds, the Juke scored 26.1/32.2/28.5 Real MPG. That's slightly less of an improvement than its fellow Japanese countryman: negligible

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 21.0°/32.1° | GROUND CLEARANCE 7.9 in | TOWING CAPACITY 2,000 lb





The Mazda CX-3's interior is gorgeous—and not just for the segment.

change in the city but a 4 percent gain on the highway and a 2 percent gain combined.

According to the EPA, the Chevy is good for 24/31/27 mpg; however, we found that it got 23.7/30.5/26.3 Real MPG in our testing. That makes for a disappointing 1 percent loss in the city, 2 percent loss on the highway, and 3 percent loss combined.

Like its fellow foreign-built American crossover, the Jeep Renegade won't be winning any awards from Greenpeace, netting an EPA score of 21/29/24 mpg and 21.7/27.5/24.0 Real MPG, meaning the Jeep scored 3 percent better in the city cycle, lost 5 percent on the highway cycle, and came out even on the combined cycle.



Mazda CX-3 AWD	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	37.6/37.2 in
LEGROOM, F/R	41.7/35.0 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	53.5/50.4 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	42.3/10.1 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	2,988 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	59/41%
TURNING CIRCLE	34.8 ft

Cockpit/Cabin

CUVs are supposed to have some semblance of utility integrated into their designs, allowing them to go places and carry things your run-of-the-mill sedan can't. Given the market for these crossovers, that utility line easily gets blurred; according to automaker research, the target for these CUVs is a 20- to 30-year-old, college-educated, childless, and "style-conscious" urbanite who enjoys weekend outdoor activities. In short, these CUVs aren't intended to be family vehicles. Some automakers took that data to heart. Others didn't.

Mazda followed that market research. The CX-3's interior is gorgeous—and not just

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 15.0°/23.0° (est) | GROUND CLEARANCE 6.1 in | TOWING CAPACITY Not yet rated



Chevrolet Trax LT AWD The Western-style interior could be a hit with nicer materials.



We're fond of the Trax's instrument cluster. It makes all the info you need easy to find without having to scroll through menus.



Thirsty? Four cupholders live between those neat (and comfortable) cloth/leatherette seats. That driver-side armrest is a welcome addition, though the front passenger seat could use one of its own.



Rear seat passengers sit high and upright for a commanding view. The rear seats fold flat with a 60/40 split, but the mechanism to do so felt flimsy.

Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4 It's a Jeep thing, and we understand.



We like the Jeep's interior. The materials are high-quality, and the design is interesting. We could do without the button blanks, though.



The front buckets are comfortable, well-bolstered, and help provide a commanding view of the road. Look closely, and you might make out the Jeep logo peeking out from beneath the tan cloth fabric.



The Jeep wins points as the only CUV in the test with an optional 40/20/40 split-folding back seat with a center pass-through. Great for skiers.

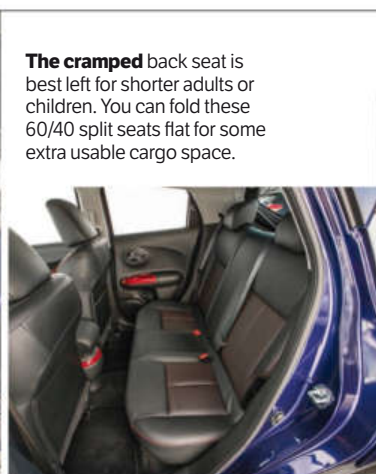
Nissan Juke SL AWD Questionable color aside, the Juke's interior is aging nicely.



The red interior trim doesn't work with the Juke's "Blurple" exterior, but we like the sporty steering wheel and simple center stack.



You'll hear no complaints from us about these sporty front buckets, but the rest of the package could use a little work. That center armrest, for example, feels like (and is) a bit of an afterthought.



The cramped back seat is best left for shorter adults or children. You can fold these 60/40 split seats flat for some extra usable cargo space.

Honda HR-V AWD An interesting package is let down by tight front seats.

THE BIG TEST



We like the asymmetrical dash and the cupholders with hidden storage, but some features were difficult to use.



It seems like Honda spent more time working on the back seats, as almost all judges complained of non-adjustable lumbar support and taller editors had trouble finding a comfortable driving position.



The back is where the magic happens. These comfortable seats split 60/40, flip up and down, and even have a neat lounge mode.

Mazda CX-3 AWD Mercedes quality for Mazda money.



A vent is integrated into the chrome strip down the dash. Nice. Bonus points for mixing textures, colors, and trim.



Sporty describes these white, black, and red seats with aggressive bolstering and soft cushioning. That center armrest features a neat slide-in slot designed to fit your smartphone.



It's a bit tight back here, and the rising beltline does no visibility favors for back-seat passengers. At least the seats look nice, though.

Subaru XV Crosstrek Simple, functional, and utilitarian. We like it.



Steering wheel-mounted switches, the A/C controls, and infotainment switches are within easy reach in the XV.



The award for most comfortable front seats goes to these puppies. The XV's front buckets are well-cushioned, comfortable, and heated.



The seats fold flat and provide plenty of room for passengers of all sizes and species. An armrest with cupholders hides in the center seat back.



Outside the confines of our test track, the Juke was an entertaining dance partner.

for the segment. It features a mix of white leather and suede, all set off with contrasting stitching, attractive metal trim, and comfortable front seats. "If you're going to pay \$30,000 for a compact crossover, this interior is a good way to go," senior production editor Zach Gale said. The CX-3's small dimensions make the back seat and trunk a bit less welcoming. Evans said it "definitely feels like a small vehicle." Although the CX-3's interior is cozy, the Nissan Juke's is more on the cramped side. It's not that there's significantly more space available in the CX-3. It's that the Juke doesn't use the space as efficiently, wasting valuable room on things such as the motorcycle tank-inspired center console. The



Nissan Juke SL AWD	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	38.6/36.7 in
LEGROOM, F/R	42.1/32.1 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	53.6/51.4 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	35.9/10.5 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	3,178 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	60/40%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.4 ft

back seat and luggage accommodations are compromised, too. Udy, after his tried and true method of sitting behind the driver's seat with it in his preferred driving position, said, "I can sit behind myself fine, but I don't really want to." The trunk area also suffers greatly due to the Juke's quirky styling. "It's so bad there's a warning sticker on the tailgate about 'large' luggage interfering with the hatch," Evans said. For all the quirkiness that surrounds the Juke, we did appreciate a few of its touches, such as its 360-degree camera system and the neat drive info screen in the lower part of the center stack.

The Chevrolet is another vehicle undone by questionable interior quality. The Trax's

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 21.8°/24.9° | GROUND CLEARANCE 6.6 in | TOWING CAPACITY Not recommended





The Subaru Crosstrek's spacious cabin screams quality and function.

cabin was a mishmash of chrome and both brushed and polished aluminum mixed with black and brown cloth/leatherette upholstery. There were also a handful of glaring panel gaps. As for the positives, I'll let Kong weigh in: "Materials aside, the interior is packaged pretty well. Four easily accessible cupholders up front, AC receptacle on the center console's rear, high second-row bench to bolster leg space, and plenty of storage pockets up front." An available Wi-Fi hot spot is another bonus. (Millennials love Wi-Fi.)

The other three competitors did a better job of balancing style, comfort, and cargo space. The HR-V's interior was the most versatile of the bunch, especially behind the front seats.









Subaru XV Crosstrek	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/R	37.2/37.7 in
LEGROOM, F/R	43.5/35.4 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/R	55.6/54.2 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/R	51.9/22.3 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	3,235 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	59/41%
TURNING CIRCLE	34.8 ft

The Honda's rear Magic Seat bench really helps, folding every which way: up, down, flat, split—you name it—allowing the Honda to swallow up loads far larger than its dimensions would seem to accommodate. Those Magic Seats also managed to be comfortable, though taller staffers noted that headroom was tight. We were also fans of the Honda's asymmetrical dashboard layout and the versatile cupholders that could double as hideaway storage for cell phones and other devices. Design aside, the front seats were less welcoming than the back. Multiple editors complained about feeling cramped and uncomfortable in the front of the HR-V. "I think Honda may have been too fixated on the

LAYOUT AWD, 5 PASS, CUV

APPROACH/DEPART ANGLE 18.0°/27.7° | GROUND CLEARANCE 8.7 in | TOWING CAPACITY 1,500 lb



<div>THE BIG TEST</div> <div>POWERTRAIN/CHASSIS</div>	2015 Chevrolet Trax LT AWD	2016 Honda HR-V AWD	2015 Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	2016 Mazda CX-3 AWD	2015 Nissan Juke SL AWD	2015 Subaru XV Crosstrek
						
DRIVETRAIN LAYOUT	Front-engine, AWD	Front-engine, AWD	Front-engine, AWD	Front-engine, AWD	Front-engine, AWD	Front-engine, AWD
ENGINE TYPE	Turbocharged I-4, iron block/alum head	I-4, alum block/head	I-4, alum block/head	I-4, alum block/head	Turbocharged I-4, alum block/head	Flat-4, alum block/heads
VALVETRAIN	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	SOHC, 4 valves/cyl	SOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl
DISPLACEMENT	83.2 cu in/1,364cc	109.8 cu in/1,799cc	144.0 cu in/2,360cc	121.9 cu in/1,998cc	98.8 cu in/1,618cc	122.0 cu in/1,995cc
COMPRESSION RATIO	9.5:1	10.6:1	10.0:1	13.0:1	10.5:1	10.5:1
POWER (SAE NET)	138 hp @ 4,900 rpm*	141 hp @ 6,500 rpm	180 hp @ 6,400 rpm	146 hp @ 6,000 rpm	188 hp @ 5,600 rpm	148 hp @ 6,200 rpm
TORQUE (SAE NET)	148 lb-ft @ 1,850 rpm*	127 lb-ft @ 4,300 rpm	175 lb-ft @ 3,900 rpm	146 lb-ft @ 2,800 rpm	177 lb-ft @ 1,600 rpm	145 lb-ft @ 4,200 rpm
REDLINE	6,500 rpm	6,700 rpm	6,400 rpm	6,500 rpm	6,400 rpm	6,500 rpm
WEIGHT TO POWER	23.4 lb/hp	21.9 lb/hp	18.7 lb/hp	20.5 lb/hp	16.9 lb/hp	21.9 lb/hp
TRANSMISSION	6-speed automatic	Cont. variable auto	9-speed automatic	6-speed automatic	Cont. variable auto	Cont. variable auto
AXLE/FINAL-DRIVE RATIO	3.53:1/2.65:1	5.44:1/2.22:1	3.73:1/1.79:1	3.89:1/2.33:1	5.69:1/2.15:1	3.70:1/2.29:1
SUSPENSION, FRONT; REAR	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; torsion beam, coil springs	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; torsion beam, coil springs	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; torsion beam, coil springs	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar
STEERING RATIO	16.1:1	15.2:1	15.7:1	13.3:1 (est)	16.5:1	14.1:1
URNS LOCK-TO-LOCK	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.8
BRAKES, F;R	11.8-in vented disc; 10.6-in disc, ABS	11.5-in vented disc; 11.1-in disc, ABS	12.0-in vented disc; 11.0-in disc, ABS	11.6-in vented disc; 11.1-in disc, ABS	11.7-in vented disc; 11.5-in disc, ABS	11.6-in vented disc; 10.8-in disc, ABS
WHEELS	6.5 x 16.0-in, cast aluminum	7.5 x 17.0-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 18.0-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 18.0-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 17.0-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 17.0-in, cast aluminum
TIRES	205/70R16 96H M+S Continental ContiProContact	215/55R17 94V M+S Michelin Primacy MXV4	225/55R18 98H M+S Kumho Crugen Premium	215/50R18 92V M+S Yokohama Avid S34	215/55R17 93V M+S Goodyear Eagle RS-A	225/55R17 95H M+S Yokohama Geolander H/T G95A
CONSUMER INFO						
BASE PRICE	\$24,820	\$22,045	\$24,290	\$25,870	\$27,765	\$22,445
PRICE AS TESTED	\$25,315	\$26,720	\$30,035	\$29,040	\$28,225	\$27,645
STABILITY/TRACTION CONTROL	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes	Yes/yes
AIRBAGS	Dual front, f/r side, f/r curtain, front knee	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain, driver knee	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain, driver knee
BASIC WARRANTY	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles
POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	5 yrs/100,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	5 yrs/100,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE	5 yrs/100,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	5 yrs/100,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	N/A	3 yrs/36,000 miles
FUEL CAPACITY	14.0 gal	13.2 gal	12.7 gal	11.9 gal	11.8 gal	15.9 gal
EPA CITY/HWY/COMB ECON	24/31/27 mpg	27/32/29 mpg	21/29/24 mpg	27/32/29 mpg	26/31/28 mpg	26/34/29 mpg
ENERGY CONS, CITY/HWY	140/109 kW-hrs/100 miles	125/105 kW-hrs/100 miles	160/116 kW-hrs/100 miles	125/105 kW-hrs/100 miles	130/109 kW-hrs/100 miles	130/99 kW-hrs/100 miles
CO2 EMISSIONS, COMB	0.73 lb/mile	0.67 lb/mile	0.81 lb/mile	0.67 lb/mile	0.69 lb/mile	0.67 lb/mile
REAL MPG CITY/HWY/COMB	23.7/30.5/26.3 mpg	27.7/32.7/29.8 mpg	21.7/27.5/24.0 mpg	28.6/34.4/30.9 mpg	26.1/32.2/28.5 mpg	N/A
RECOMMENDED FUEL	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded premium	Unleaded regular



*SAE Certified

area from the second row and back,” Kong said.

Although the design of the XV’s interior won’t win it any awards, the Subaru is a nice place to be. The Crosstrek’s massive greenhouse promoted a general sense of spaciousness in the cabin while also giving the driver exceptional visibility. The Subaru’s cabin screams quality and function, thanks to soft, supple leather and an easy to use infotainment system. “The seats are amazing,” Kong said. “So supportive, and you could commute for hours in them.” Both the first and second rows won high marks for comfort, and all appreciated the large cargo capacity that the XV offers.

The Jeep Renegade most effectively balanced style with function. Its interior included an assortment of high-quality cloth,

leather, and plastics. From the solid “thunk” the doors make when slammed to the many Easter eggs throughout the cabin, the little details in the Jeep’s interior do much to give the impression that the Renegade is a high-quality vehicle. It’s spacious, too. The high roofline means that even 6-foot-4-inch Gale is comfortable in the back seat, and the short rear overhang doesn’t come at the detriment of cargo space.

Safety

While safety might not be as high of a priority for a target CUV buyer as it would be for a family with a baby, it’s still an important metric when purchasing a new car.

As of this writing, the only contenders that have been crash-tested by NHTSA and the IIHS are the Trax, Juke, and XV Crosstrek.

Of the three, the Juke is the least safe. On NHTSA tests, the Juke earns three stars for frontal collisions, five stars for side, and four stars for rollover for an overall four-star score. On IIHS tests, the Juke gets a Poor rating for the small-overlap test and a Good score on moderate-overlap, side, roof strength, and head/seat restraint.

The Chevy and Subaru scored Good ratings all around in IIHS tests. The Trax is an IIHS Top Safety Pick, and the XV is a TSP+, thanks to its available EyeSight active safety technology. Although both earned five stars overall from NHTSA, the Trax and XV differentiate themselves a bit on scores. The Trax earns five stars on every test but rollover, where it earns four stars, and the Crosstrek gets five stars on side-impact and four stars in the other tests.

6TH NISSAN JUKE

We adore the Juke's fun-loving personality (and its purple paint!) but not enough to overlook the rest of the package.

5TH CHEVROLET

TRAX Solid on safety and value, the Chevy's biggest problem is a bland personality that lets it get lost in the shuffle.

4TH HONDA HR-V

A highly fit (pun intended) hauler is let down by a noisy cabin and poky engine.

3RD JEEP RENEGADE

It's hard not to be charmed by this little Renegade, and if FCA spent half as much time working on the nine-speed to make it smoother and more efficient as it did on the Jeep's Easter eggs, you'd be looking at the winner.

2ND MAZDA CX-3

Attractive, efficient, and nice to drive. If the CX-3 were cheaper to own and would fit more junk in the trunk, we'd be looking at the complete package.



1ST SUBARU XV CROSSTREK

Highly competent on paper and on the road. You can't go wrong with the value that is the capable and comfortable Crosstrek.

Value

There are two ways at looking at value: the Wal-Mart way and the Costco way. The Wal-Mart way often sees shoppers going for the cheapest option; the Costco way is characterized by seeking the most bang for your buck, even if it means spending more.

Followers of the former will probably be tempted by the Honda HR-V EX-L trim with navigation, as it comes loaded at \$26,720.

As for those Costco shoppers, look no further than the Mazda CX-3. With good looks, great fuel economy, and a full suite of active safety tech for our tester's estimated \$30,035 sticker (official pricing hasn't been announced as of this writing), the CX-3 is a smart way to go.

Cost of Ownership

Many buyers fail to think about how much a vehicle will cost over its lifetime. To find out which CUV is lightest on the wallet, we went to IntelliChoice to assess the five-year cost of ownership for our group of CUVs.

You can see the full cost of ownership breakdown below, but the Subaru was far and away the cheapest vehicle to own. It starts at the dealer, where XV buyers will benefit from its \$29,650 target purchase price, the second-lowest of the group. Subaru buyers further benefit from the second-lowest insurance and fuel costs, third-lowest repairs cost, and—here's the kicker—the lowest depreciation of the group. Whereas buyers of the



five other CUVs will have to deal with their vehicles losing half their value over 5 years, the Subaru will only depreciate \$10,143. The Crosstrek will cost its owners \$3,500 less over five years than the next-cheapest vehicle.

Conclusion

The XV offers the best ride and Cost of Ownership; a roomy, high-utility interior; near-top fuel economy; and a Top Safety Pick+ rating, all of which easily overshadow its weak objective performance. Objectively, the Jeep, too, is a weak performer, yet it still garnered two first-place votes, thanks to an engaging personality and a stylish, commodious cabin. But its temperamental transmission and recent stop-sale over "software issues" are reasons for concern.

The Mazda is a tough sell when considering Cost of Ownership, but its athletic performance, ritzy cockpit, and best fuel economy make it our second favorite here. Our favorite packaging? From the second-row Magic Seat back, the HR-V, no question. Meanwhile, the Trax boasts solid safety, and the Juke tied with the CX-3 as most fun, but neither had enough extra to elevate their rankings. ■

IntelliChoice CHOOSE YOUR CAR WISELY	Chevrolet Trax LT AWD	Honda HR-V AWD	Jeep Renegade Latitude 4x4	Mazda CX-3 AWD	Nissan Juke SL AWD	Subaru XV Crosstrek
AVG STATE FEES	\$394	\$405	\$414	\$417	\$410	\$420
DEPRECIATION	\$14,010 (54%)	\$13,658 (48%)	\$14,961 (50%)	\$16,434 (52%)	\$14,232 (51%)	\$10,143 (36%)
FINANCING	\$2,506	\$2,717	\$2,845	\$3,016	\$2,698	\$2,683
INSURANCE	\$6,598	\$7,261	\$7,057	\$7,728	\$7,932	\$6,699
FUEL	\$8,836	\$8,234	\$9,748	\$7,472	\$9,427	\$8,103
MAINTENANCE	\$2,162	\$1,770	\$2,139	\$2,102	\$2,833	\$2,523
REPAIRS	\$483	\$681	\$587	\$729	\$665	\$663
5-YEAR COST OF OWNERSHIP	\$34,989	\$34,726*	\$37,751	\$37,898*	\$38,197	\$31,234
INTELLICHOICE TARGET PURCHASE PRICE	\$26,120	\$28,330	\$29,651	\$31,428	\$28,116	\$27,952

PURCHASE PRICE Target purchase price includes destination and average applicable state taxes applied to a transaction price between invoice and retail, based on applicable incentives.

*Estimated

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MINIVANS

Chrysler Town & Country S	\$37,030
Honda Odyssey Touring Elite .	\$45,430
Kia Sedona SXL.....	\$43,295
Nissan Quest LE	\$45,315
Toyota Sienna SE	\$38,085



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Growing up, I had a lot of fun in our family's minivans. Our family's first car was a 1999 Dodge Grand Caravan SE that my dad used to shuttle me to early-morning hockey practice. (My little brothers would hide half-eaten bagels in the seats.)

When it wasn't schlepping hockey gear and old bagels around, our family used it for

our annual summer vacation from Brooklyn to Bethany Beach, Delaware. Filled with boogie boards, Game Boys, and what felt like everything my mom owned, our forest-green Grand Caravan became everything from an Army helicopter to a karaoke room as my brothers and I entertained ourselves on the journey.

To my 9-year-old self, nothing was cooler

than that van and the fun-filled vacations it promised.

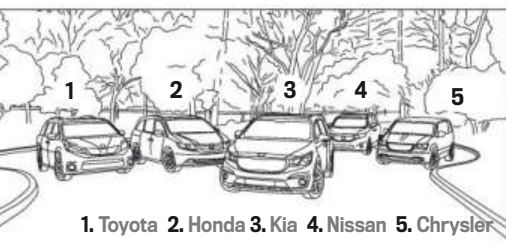
Sometime between the time our family's second minivan caught fire in 2002 (long story) and the end of the decade, the popularity of the minivan plummeted. The market went from more than 11 models at its peak to just eight or so, depending on who's counting. The meat of the market is covered

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FAMILY VACATION



AMERICA'S BEST-SELLING MINIVANS DUKE IT OUT FOR OUR BIG TEST CROWN



by the five Big Test competitors you see here: the 2014 Chrysler Town & Country S, 2015 Honda Odyssey Touring Elite, 2015 Kia Sedona SXL, 2014 Nissan Quest LE, and the 2015 Toyota Sienna SE.

We asked each of the five manufacturers to provide us with a fully optioned minivan so we could test all the family-friendly amenities each has to offer. Most complied,

though Chrysler and Toyota both sent us mid-level models. We left the lame-duck Dodge Grand Caravan on the sidelines because for all intents and purposes it's identical to its Chrysler stablemate. We left the Mazda5 and Ford Transit Connect Wagon (see sidebar on page 110) out, as well, as both are smaller than the traditional American minivan.

COMPARISON

Ride & Handling

Although going fast can be nice, for most minivan buyers there's no driving trait more important than ride and handling—after all, poor ride and handling characteristics can result in carsick children stuck in the third row. (Ask me how I know.) To test each van's ride and handling abilities, we devised a drive loop in Los Angeles' ritzy Palos Verdes area. This diverse loop included stop-and-go suburban traffic, bits of highway speeds, and a rough section of road.

Of our five contenders, the Kia Sedona found the most favor with our Big Test judges. "Driving this thing is actually a lot of fun," digital director Chris Clonts said. "This is the car that encourages me to be myself in it, to push it a little bit. If I had my family with me, it would give me confidence that I could be safe in it under any conditions." The Sedona's body was exceptionally well-controlled in both the twisty and rough road portions of our loop, without the shimmies and shakes some of its competitors had.

The Honda Odyssey also impressed during our drive loops. Though some judges thought the steering felt a bit on the light side, all agreed it was accurate. The ride was comfortable, too, without much roll and harshness from road imperfections, but we dinged the Odyssey for its road noise. The Honda's engine sounds smooth and refined (even if it insists on being in sixth gear), but it was one of the noisiest vans here, with road, wind, and rain resulting in a loud and lively cabin.











Both Kia and Honda managed to fit their minivans with suspensions that

help cornering performance in addition to providing compliant and well-sorted rides in the rough stuff, but the Nissan Quest wasn't so lucky. Nissan appears to have fit the Quest with the softest springs possible. The end result is lots more noise, pitch, roll, and overall harshness transmitted to the cabin than in the Honda or Kia. "I'd hate to be stuck in back of this thing," I wrote in my notes. "An absolute vomit comet."

Opposite the Quest on the ride spectrum were the Town & Country and Sienna. The

sport-trimmed Toyota, with sporty steering feel and a stiff suspension, is surprisingly nice to drive in corners, but that's at the detriment of its overall ride quality, which tosses and bounces its occupants around on rough pavement. "The ride around town is rough but tolerable," opined senior production editor Zach Gale.

The similarly sport-oriented Chrysler took bumps in the same vein as the Sienna, though without the benefit of the Toyota's sharp steering. The sole spot where the Town

0-60 mph			Quarter Mile		
Chrysler Town & Country		7.8	16.1 sec @ 86.4 mph		
Honda Odyssey		7.9	16.1 sec @ 87.1 mph		
Kia Sedona		7.8	16.1 sec @ 88.8 mph		
Nissan Quest		7.9	16.1 sec @ 90.1 mph		
Toyota Sienna		7.6	15.8 sec @ 89.9 mph		
Chrysler Town & Country S			Honda Odyssey Touring Elite		
ACCELERATION TO MPH					
0-30	2.9 sec		0-30	2.7 sec	
0-40	4.2		0-40	4.2	
0-50	5.8		0-50	5.8	
0-60	7.8		0-60	7.9	
0-70	10.1		0-70	10.3	
0-80	13.5		0-80	13.2	
0-90	17.7		0-90	17.3	
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	4.0		PASSING, 45-65 MPH	4.1	
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.76 g (avg)		LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.74 g (avg)	
MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.5 sec @ 0.60 g (avg)		MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.7 sec @ 0.60 g (avg)	
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,500 rpm		TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,750 rpm	

Notable Features

Kia Sedona
The Sedona's First Class Lounge second-row seats were inspired by and designed during a Trans-Pacific flight to Seoul.

Honda Odyssey
The HondaVac's hose is long enough to stretch all the way to the front-passenger's footwell.

Toyota Sienna
The center seat of the Sienna's second row pops out and stows in the cargo area.

Nissan Quest
The Quest is the only van here with a power-folding third row and cargo-tub cover.

Chrysler Town & Country
The Chrysler's Stow 'n Go second- and third-row seats fold easily into the floor.



& Country differentiated itself from the Sienna was in noise, as there was a worrying amount of shakes, squeaks, and rattles coming from the cabin.

Performance

Ever wonder why the space shuttle and the Soviet version, Buran, looked almost identical? That's (mostly) because American and Soviet engineers both overcame the same set of engineering obstacles with the same design solutions. What does this have to do

with minivans? It appears that at some point over the development life of the minivan, all major manufacturers came to the same conclusion about engine size, type, and power. All five of our contenders sport V-6 engines with around 3.5 liters of displacement, around 260 horsepower, and about 250 lb-ft of torque. All but one feature six-speed automatic transmissions.

Performance numbers might seldom matter to minivan buyers, but here goes: The Sienna SE is the hot rod of the group. With its 3.5-liter V-6 making 266 hp and 245 lb-ft of torque, the "Swagger Wagon," as Toyota is eager to call it, hustles to 60 mph in 7.6 seconds and goes through the quarter mile in 15.8 seconds at 89.9 mph. Though the Sienna's brakes initially feel a bit mushy, stomping on the brake pedal will stop the vehicle from 60 mph in 121 feet, the second-shortest distance of the five vans.

The Kia Sedona was hot on the Sienna's tail. The heaviest van here also packs the

smallest yet second most powerful engine of the bunch. The Sedona's 3.3-liter V-6 makes 276 ponies and 248 lb-ft of twist, good for a 7.8-second 0-60 mph run and a 16.1-second quarter mile with a time-traveling trap speed of 88.8 mph. Despite its heft and relative speed, the Kia had the shortest stopping distance at 118 feet.

The remaining three were neck and neck with the Kia, with the Chrysler ahead by a nose. The Town & Country packs the biggest punch, its 3.6-liter V-6 making 283 hp and 260 lb-ft of torque. The Chrysler matched the

Braking 60-0



AGING WELL The Town & Country still looks sharp.

Kia Sedona SXL		Nissan Quest LE		Toyota Sienna SE	
ACCELERATION TO MPH					
0-30	2.8 sec	0-30	3.2 sec	0-30	2.7 sec
0-40	4.2	0-40	4.5	0-40	4.0
0-50	6.0	0-50	6.1	0-50	5.8
0-60	7.8	0-60	7.9	0-60	7.6
0-70	10.4	0-70	10.1	0-70	9.9
0-80	13.3	0-80	12.7	0-80	12.7
0-90	16.5	0-90	16.0	0-90	15.9
PASSING, 45-65 MPH	3.9	PASSING, 45-65 MPH	3.6	PASSING, 45-65 MPH	3.8
LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.77 g (avg)	LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.74 g (avg)	LATERAL ACCELERATION	0.73 g (avg)
MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.4 sec @ 0.62 g (avg)	MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.9 sec @ 0.60 g (avg)	MT FIGURE EIGHT	28.8 sec @ 0.61 g (avg)
TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,750 rpm	TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,650 rpm	TOP-GEAR REVS @ 60 MPH	1,750 rpm



For most minivan buyers there's no driving trait more important than ride and handling.

BY THE NUMBERS
Americans bought 373,233 of these vans combined through November 2014. The Town & Country accounts for 127,331 of those sales.



The Chrysler Town & Country packs the biggest punch under the hood.

Kia to 60 mph and through the quarter mile but was traveling slower (at 86.4 mph). The Town & Country needed 126 feet to halt from 60 mph.

The Quest was close behind. The only van here to eschew a six-speed automatic for a CVT, it features a 3.5-liter V-6 good for 260 hp and 240 lb-ft. The combo gave the Nissan a 7.9-second 0-60 mph time and allowed it to go through the quarter mile in 16.1 seconds with a 90.1 mph trap speed. The big, boxy Nissan needed 126 feet in our 60-0 mph panic stop test.

Honda's Odyssey was last by a hair. With a 3.5-liter V-6 making 248 hp and 250 lb-ft of torque, the Odyssey accelerated from 0-60



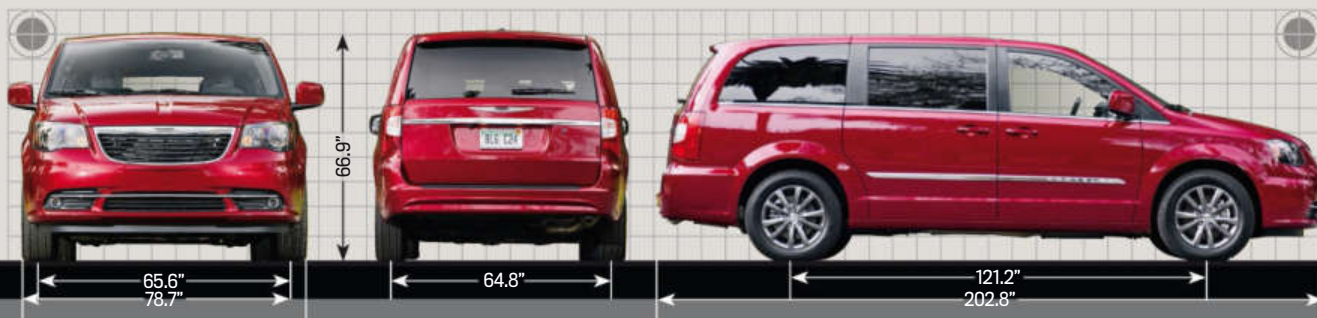
Chrysler Town & Country S	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/M/R	39.8/39.3/37.9 in
LEGROOM, F/M/R	40.7/36.5/32.7 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/M/R	63.7/64.1/62.0 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/M/R	143.8/83.3/33.0 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	4,562 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	56/44%
TURNING CIRCLE	39.1 ft

mph in 7.9 seconds and rolled through the quarter mile in 16.1 seconds at 87.1 mph. The Odyssey tied the Quest and Town & Country for the longest 60-0 mph stopping distance, needing 126 feet.

Efficiency

Fuel costs currently are dropping, but we can't count on them to stay low. We need to consider the hit to the wallet filling these 20-plus-gallon fuel tanks could pose. Although EPA fuel-economy numbers are helpful, they're not always real-world representative, so we tossed the keys to our Emissions Analytics crew to generate some accurate fuel-economy data.

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The Odyssey is stellar from a practicality and comfort standpoint.

Not surprising given its relative age, the Chrysler Town & Country brought up the rear. EPA-rated at 17/25/20 mpg city/highway/combined, the Chrysler van achieved 16.4/25.3/19.5 Real MPG with our test crew.

The Kia Sedona's performance, however, was a surprise. The Sedona slightly outperformed its admittedly low 17/22/19 mpg EPA rating, achieving 17.3/23.8/19.7 R-MPG. That's a slight improvement versus EPA on the combined cycle and an 8-percent improvement on the highway.

Next up is the Toyota Sienna. We weren't expecting that much given its middling 18/25/21 mpg EPA rating, yet shockingly the Sienna outperformed the whole segment,

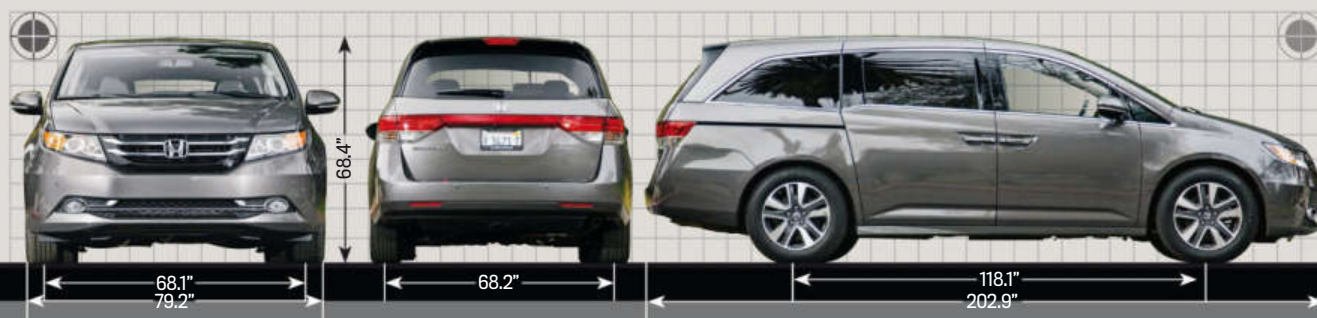


Honda Odyssey Touring Elite	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/M/R	38.3/39.4/38.0 in
LEGROOM, F/M/R	40.9/40.9/42.4 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/M/R	64.4/63.5/60.9 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/M/R	148.5/93.1/38.4 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	4,592 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	56/44%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.7 ft

netting the best fuel economy in this test: 19.4/27.1/22.2 R-MPG. That trumps EPA's numbers by an impressive 8 percent around town and on the highway and 6 percent combined.

Although the Sienna's Real MPG performance was a pleasant surprise, the 2014 Nissan Quest underachieved. EPA-rated at 19/25/21 mpg, the Quest returned 18.6/24.3/20.8 on the Real MPG cycle, a noticeable dip across the board. Last but certainly not least is the Odyssey. Boasting the most impressive EPA numbers of the group at 19/28/22 mpg, the Honda slightly underperformed in the hands of our Emissions Analytics team. It achieved 18.7/27.0/21.7

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2014 Chrysler Town & Country S

Dark, drab, and old sum up the Chrysler's cabin.



Although the Chrysler's dash is intuitively designed and easy to use, it's let down by dated electronics.



Now you see them, now you don't; the Town & Country's Stow 'n Go seats mean you no longer have to make the choice between hauling passengers or cargo, as the captain's chairs simply fold flat into the floor.



The Chrysler's third row is tight, but the seats do have a neat party trick, flipping 90 degrees back for tailgate seating.

2015 Kia Sedona SXL

Luxury-car and CUV owners will be at home in the Sedona's upscale cabin.



Handsome and high tech is how we'd describe the view from up front, thanks to real wood trim and a rock-solid infotainment system.



The Sedona's "First Class Lounge" seats are the best in the house, even if they are a bit heavy and cumbersome to operate.



Adults will probably want to avoid the third row as head and shoulder room are tight; children will be fine, though.

2015 Toyota Sienna SE

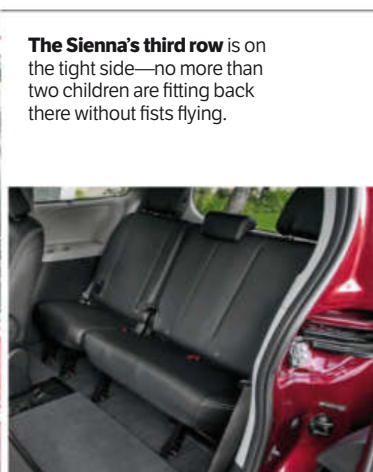
Recent updates improve the Sienna's cabin, but not by much.



The Sienna's dash is simple and straightforward, but looks and feels bargain basement.



Kudos to Toyota for the Sienna's eighth seat. The center-mounted jump seat quickly pops out and stows in the trunk.



The Sienna's third row is on the tight side—no more than two children are fitting back there without fists flying.



The dash is laid out nicely, but the split infotainment screens found few friends among our judges.



The roomy second row quickly and easily slides forward to allow access to the third row. Though heavy, the seats also remove with no muss or fuss. The center seat can be removed and replaced with the front center console.

Surprisingly, the Odyssey's third row offers up plenty of room for two adults on short trips. Those in the third row also have their own HDMI port to display video on the Honda's 16.2-inch screen.



2014 Nissan Quest LE For better or worse, the funky designs carry over into the Quest's interior.



The Quest's center stack is a bit difficult to get used to. The audio controls hide behind the gear lever while driving.



Nissan's "Zero Gravity" seat cushions are up there on the comfort scale. That said, the LATCH anchor points in the Quest's second row were hard to locate and use.

Despite the twin sunroofs, the Quest's power-folding third row has best-in-segment headroom.



R-MPG, which are all just slightly below what the EPA measures.

Of course, always remember that your mileage may vary.

Cockpit/Cabin

According to automotive market research data, almost half of minivan buyers don't have any children at home. We therefore evaluated the cabins of our Big Test minivans with the needs of both families and empty nesters in mind.

The Kia Sedona is the clear choice for childless buyers. The newest van in the segment had the nicest cabin of the bunch, thanks to Nappa leather, real wood, and a segment-best infotainment system. Behind the front seats, the Kia has one of the most comfortable second rows of the group. Though complicated, the second row's captain's chairs have

leg rests and the ability to both recline and slide fore and aft and side to side, giving the second row the best seats in the house.

The same can't be said about the Sedona SXL's third row, which is cramped and has the smallest amount of headroom in the test thanks to the standard twin sunroofs. Although the third row folds down easily, those neat captain's chairs can neither fold forward nor be removed, limiting the cargo space of this particular model. (Non-SXL Sedonas feature second row seats that slide

up and "spoon" with the front seats, boosting cargo volume.) Buyers with children will be better served by the Odyssey. Although the Odyssey shows its age on the technology and materials-quality front, it's stellar from a practicality and comfort standpoint. The roomy second-row bench flips down and folds forward to ease access into the third row, and although they're heavy, the seats remove completely in three pieces for cargo hauling. The third row is pretty comfortable, too, with plenty of room for two adults or





Driving the Sedona is actually a lot of fun.

three children to fit comfortably. Toss the Honda's vacuum and cooler into the mix, and you've got a serious family-favorite. "The HondaVac is a novel touch," Clonts said. "What a fabulously useful built-in accessory. Same goes for the Cool Box up front."

Thanks to its "zero gravity" seats and an air conditioner that never blew enough cold air, the Quest figuratively put our judges to sleep. "Weak-sauce A/C + cushy seats = naptime," I wrote in my notes. Aside from its comfortable seats, the Quest won points from judges for its power-folding third row and the hidden storage tub underneath a trunk panel. Though the Quest was recognized for the high quality of its interior, the LATCH anchor



Kia Sedona SXL	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/M/R	38.7/37.4/36.6 in
LEGROOM, F/M/R	40.9/40.6/34.8 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/M/R	63.9/63.1/59.4 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/M/R	142.0/78.4/33.9 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	4,750 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	55/45%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.8 ft

points were the only ones in the test that were hard to locate.

Although the Toyota got a thorough refresh for the 2015 model year, you can't tell from sitting in its cabin. Hop in and you're welcomed by a sea of hard, dark plastics and some questionably styled "sport" gauges, which Clonts called "Walmart-ish, or something." The Sienna's materials may be low-grade, but the Toyota still packs a handful of thoughtful touches—take its second-row center seat, for instance: The featherweight center seat quickly and easily removes, folds up, and stows in a compartment in the cargo hold. If you want to lose the center seat on the Odyssey, you'd better make room in your garage.

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Nissan appears to have fit the Quest with the softest springs possible.

There's no getting around the fact that the Chrysler Town & Country is nearing the end of its product cycle, and nowhere is that more evident than in its interior, which was ranked by judges as the most uncomfortable, with hard seats, tight legroom, and complicated folding mechanisms. That said, the Chrysler still has an ace up its sleeve that no other minivan has: Stow 'n Go seats—both the third- and second-row seats fold flat into the floor.

Safety

Safety is important for all new-car shoppers, but it's especially so for minivan buyers. Data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is incomplete for



Nissan Quest LE	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/M/R	40.9/39.9/38.0 in
LEGROOM, F/M/R	43.8/36.7/40.5 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/M/R	64.5/63.2/61.2 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/M/R	108.4/63.6/37.1 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	4,505 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	55/45%
TURNING CIRCLE	36.7 ft

our contenders, but crash testing by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) reveals not all of our competitors are built equally. Just three earned the IIHS' coveted Top Safety Pick nod: the 2015 Kia Sedona, 2015 Honda Odyssey, and 2015 Toyota Sienna.

Both the Sedona and Odyssey earned a Good (highest possible) score on moderate-overlap front, side-impact, rear-impact, roof strength, and the small-overlap front collision tests. The Sienna earned a Good score on all of the above tests with the exception of its Acceptable score on the incredibly difficult small-overlap test, which simulates what would happen in an offset collision with an object such as a tree.

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Mercedes Metris Sets Sights on U.S.

The Ford Transit Connect isn't the only Euro van making waves in the minivan market. Mercedes-Benz recently announced that its Vito van—a familiar site in London as a black cab—is making its way to

the United States. Dubbed the Mercedes-Benz Metris for the American market, the Metris will be available in both cargo and passenger versions. The Metris is slated to be a tweener in size, meaning it will be larger than

a Transit Connect but smaller than full-size commercial vans. A diesel powertrain and Mercedes' full array of driver assistance and active safety tech can be expected when the Metris goes on sale here this fall.



Ford Transit Connect



Aside from a period in the '60s when hippies were snapping up Volkswagen Type 2 buses by the boatload, minivans have traditionally appealed to older, more conservative buyers. Young buyers haven't really had a van uniquely suited to their needs—until now. Contrary to the “UnMinivan” ads, the Ford Transit Connect Wagon is a minivan through and through. Yet it's like nothing else in the segment, not even its closest competitor, the Mazda5.

The Focus-based Transit Connect Wagon is small, stylish, sporty, and, most importantly, different. The passenger version (Wagon, in Ford parlance) is available in two wheelbase lengths with two different engines and three distinct trim levels. Short-wheelbase models seat five, and long-wheelbase versions seat seven. All Transit Connect Wagons come standard with a 2.5-liter I-4 good for 169 hp and 171 lb-ft of torque, and the short-wheelbase Transit Connect XLT is available with an optional EcoBoost 1.6-liter turbocharged I-4 good for 173

hp and 184 lb-ft of twist. The naturally aspirated engine is good for an EPA-estimated 20/28/23 mpg city/highway/combined, and the EcoBoost is good for 22/30/25 mpg.

The differences between our long-wheelbase Transit Connect Titanium Wagon and more traditional minivans are readily apparent where the rubber meets the road. The Ford feels sporty and light on its feet, much like the Focus it's based on. The Transit Connect's steering is quick and well-weighted, urging the driver to whip it quickly around corners. The base four-banger is for the most part up to the task, only running out of fun high up in the rev band when the torque runs out and the transmission turns a bit slushy.

At the track, the LWB Transit Connect Wagon's 2.5L mill is good for a 10.2-second 0-60 mph time and a 17.6-second run through the quarter mile at 77.8 mph. Braking from 60 mph takes 127 feet. The Ford tackled the figure eight in 29.1 seconds at 0.70g average. The EcoBoost mill helps out handily, as the last



HELLO, NURSE The Transit Connect Wagon looks sharp whether it be coming or going.

EcoBoost-equipped van we tested hit 60 in 8.7 seconds. The interior of the Transit Connect feels cavernous for its size, thanks to its high panoramic glass roof (\$1,295) and big windows. All rear seats quickly fold flat, leaving 104.2 cubic feet of cargo space.

Our loaded Transit Connect Titanium Wagon LWB model stickered for \$33,045, but a well-equipped seven-passenger XLT model can be had for around \$29,000. **Christian Seabaugh**

2014 FORD TRANSIT CONNECT TITANIUM LWB Base Price \$29,995 Price As Tested \$33,045 Vehicle Layout Front-engine, FWD, 7-pass, 4-door van Engine 2.5L/169-hp/171-lb-ft DOHC 16-valve I-4 Transmission 6-speed automatic Curb Weight (F/R Dist) 3,970 lb (56/44%) Wheelbase 120.6 in L X W X H 189.7 x 72.2 x 72.0 in 0-60 MPH 10.2 sec Quarter Mile 17.6 sec @ 77.8 mph Braking, 60-0 MPH 127 ft Lateral Acceleration 0.77 g (avg) MT Figure Eight 29.1 sec @ 0.70 g (avg) EPA City/Hwy/Comb Fuel Econ 20/28/23 mpg Energy Cons, City/Hwy 169/120 kW-hrs/100 miles CO2 Emissions, Comb 0.85 lb/mile



The Sienna really punches above its weight in the numbers.

The other two minivans didn't perform well on the IIHS tests. The better performing was the Chrysler Town & Country. The Town & Country earns Good scores all around with the exception of the small-overlap front test, where it earns a lowest possible Poor score.

The Quest managed to do worse than the Chrysler—its roof-strength score was rated as Acceptable, and its small-overlap score was Poor.

According to an IIHS video, the Quest is one of the worst-performing vehicles in the small-overlap front crash test, and that weighed heavily on the minds of our Big Test judges. "No vehicle can ever be optimized for every organization's safety standards," Gale said, "but I don't like that the Quest got only Acceptable



Toyota Sienna SE	Dimensions
HEADROOM, F/M/R	41.0/39.7/38.3 in
LEGROOM, F/M/R	40.5/37.6/36.3 in
SHOULDER ROOM, F/M/R	65.0/64.6/61.1 in
CARGO VOLUME BEH F/M/R	150.0/871/39.1 cu ft
CURB WEIGHT	4,544 lb
WEIGHT DIST, F/R	57/43%
TURNING CIRCLE	37.5 ft

for roof strength and Poor for the newer and admittedly difficult small-overlap front test." Clonts weighed in, too: "If anybody thinks safety ratings don't matter, consider this: Almost every single one of the judges mentioned that it was a little uncomfortable being in the Quest knowing about its poor safety showing."

Value

"Value" is a relative term. Some might look at our list of Big Test contenders and determine that the cheapest van offers the best value. Others might look at the same exact chart and determine the van with the most content offers up the best value. For those in the

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COMPARISON



4TH NISSAN QUEST

A comfortable cabin isn't enough to overcome the Quest's lackluster crash-test scores or driving dynamics.

3RD TOYOTA SIENNA

It doesn't blow our socks off subjectively, but it's tough to argue with the Sienna's stellar efficiency and performance.

1ST KIA SEDONA

A van with this much style, substance, and safety might be all it takes to make the minivan cool again.

2ND HONDA ODYSSEY

A longtime *MT* favorite is still a segment standout and excellent hauler, but it's not our Big Test winner.

5TH CHRYSLER TOWN & COUNTRY

The long-in-the-tooth Chrysler is tops in sales but last in our Big Test. Still, the T&C is a great value and shows promise for the future.

former camp, the Chrysler Town & Country really can't be beat. Our Town & Country S tester's \$37,030 as-tested price includes second and third row Blu-ray screens and convenience features such as navigation and blind-spot and park-assist tech.

As for those who look at content when determining value, look no further than the \$43,295 Sedona. Simply put, the Kia blew the judges away with the amount of technology

and content it offers. Not only did the Sedona's cabin feature Nappa leather and real wood cribbed from the K900 sedan, but it also featured those trick second-row lounge seats, a 360-degree camera system, and collision mitigation technology.

The Odyssey also makes a good case for itself on the value front—its Touring Elite Trim means it comes loaded with everything, including the HondaVac. However,


its \$45,430 sticker price made the Odyssey the most expensive van by far, and that price becomes hard to swallow when you compare the quality of the Kia's cabin to the Honda's.

Cost of Ownership

Cost of Ownership goes hand in hand with value—after all, what good is value if you're paying extra for it five years down the road? We went to sister company IntelliChoice to assess how much each minivan would cost its owner after five years of ownership. IntelliChoice takes depreciation, insurance, fuel, maintenance, repairs, and more into account in its five-year cost of ownership figure. (The full breakdown is to the left.)

The Toyota and Chrysler both have the lowest five-year cost of ownership, with the slightly more expensive Sienna edging out the Town & Country, costing its owner only \$43,377 after five years versus \$44,692.

The other three minivans sit closely together on the opposite end of the cost-of-ownership spectrum. The Nissan Quest is the most expensive to own and operate, with a \$53,973 cost of ownership, and close behind were the Sedona at \$52,227 and the Odyssey at \$50,043.

 IntelliChoice CHOOSE YOUR CAR WISELY	Chrysler Town & Country S	Honda Odyssey Touring Elite	Kia Sedona SXL	Nissan Quest LE	Toyota Sienna SE
AVG STATE FEES	\$482	\$409	\$403	\$519	\$387
DEPRECIATION	\$19,500 (53%)	\$24,824 (53%)	\$26,119 (58%)	\$25,244 (57%)	\$18,238 (46%)
FINANCING	\$3,848	\$4,921	\$4,721	\$4,658	\$4,147
INSURANCE	\$6,454	\$6,383	\$6,994	\$8,510	\$6,474
FUEL	\$11,955	\$10,685	\$11,626	\$11,332	\$11,626
MAINTENANCE	\$1,925	\$2,227	\$2,202	\$3,116	\$1,944
REPAIRS	\$528	\$594	\$162	\$594	\$561
5-YEAR COST OF OWNERSHIP	\$44,692	\$50,043	\$52,227	\$53,973	\$43,377
INTELLICHOICE Target Purchase Price	\$36,809	\$47,083	\$45,174	\$44,568	\$39,672
PURCHASE PRICE Target purchase price includes destination and average applicable state taxes applied to a transaction price between invoice and retail, based on applicable incentives.					

THE BIG TEST

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	Chrysler Town & Country S	Honda Odyssey Touring Elite	Kia Sedona SXL	Nissan Quest LE	Toyota Sienna SE
DRIVETRAIN LAYOUT	Front-engine, FWD	Front-engine, FWD	Front-engine, FWD	Front-engine, FWD	Front-engine, FWD
ENGINE TYPE	V-6, aluminum block/heads	V-6, aluminum block/heads	V-6, aluminum block/heads	V-6, aluminum block/heads	V-6, aluminum block/heads
VALVETRAIN	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	SOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl	DOHC, 4 valves/cyl
DISPLACEMENT	219.6 cu in/3,605 cc	211.8 cu in/3,471 cc	203.9 cu in/3,342 cc	213.4 cu in/3,498 cc	210.9 cu in/3,456 cc
COMPRESSION RATIO	10.2:1	10.5:1	11.5:1	10.3:1	10.8:1
POWER (SAE NET)	283 hp @ 6,400 rpm	248 hp @ 5,700 rpm	276 hp @ 6,000 rpm	260 hp @ 6,000 rpm	266 hp @ 6,200 rpm
TORQUE (SAE NET)	260 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm	250 lb-ft @ 4,800 rpm	248 lb-ft @ 5,200 rpm	240 lb-ft @ 4,400 rpm	245 lb-ft @ 4,700 rpm
REDLINE	6,400 rpm	6,400 rpm	6,750 rpm	6,600 rpm	6,500 rpm
WEIGHT TO POWER	16.1 lb/hp	18.5 lb/hp	17.2 lb/hp	17.3 lb/hp	17.1 lb/hp
TRANSMISSION	6-speed automatic	6-speed automatic	6-speed automatic	Cont-variable auto	6-speed automatic
AXLE/FINAL-DRIVE RATIO	3.16:1/2.07:1	4.25:1/2.36:1	3.04:1/2.35:1	4.87:1/2.14:1	3.94:1/2.39:1
SUSPENSION, FRONT; REAR	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; torsion beam, coil springs	Struts, coil springs anti-roll bar; multi-link, coil springs	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; multilink, coil springs, anti-roll bar	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; multi-link, coil springs	Struts, coil springs, anti-roll bar; torsion beam, coil springs, anti-roll bar
STEERING RATIO	14.3:1	16.4:1	15.9:1	18.6:1	15.5:1
URNS LOCK-TO-LOCK	2.9	3.5	3.0	3.5	3.5
BRAKES, F;R	13.0-in vented disc; 12.9-in disc, ABS	12.6-in vented disc; 13.1-in disc, ABS	12.6-in vented disc; 11.9-in disc, ABS	11.4-in vented disc; 12.1-in vented disc, ABS	12.9-in vented disc; 12.2-in disc, ABS
WHEELS	6.5 x 17-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 18-in, cast aluminum	6.5 x 19-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 18-in, cast aluminum	7.0 x 19-in, cast aluminum
TIRES	225/65R17 102T M+S Yokohama Avid S33	235/60R18 102T M+S Michelin Primacy MXV4	235/55R19 101H M+S Continental CrossContact LX Sport	235/55R18 99T M+S Toyo A22	235/50R19 99V M+S Dunlop SP Sport 7000 A/S

CONSUMER INFO

BASE PRICE	\$33,990	\$45,480	\$40,595	\$43,755	\$35,785
PRICE AS TESTED	\$37,030	\$45,480	\$43,295	\$45,315	\$38,085
STABILITY/TRACTION CONTROL	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes	Yes/Yes
AIRBAGS	Dual front, f/r curtain, driver knee	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r side, f/r curtain	Dual front, front side, f/r curtain, front knee
BASIC WARRANTY	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles	3 yrs/36,000 miles
POWERTRAIN WARRANTY	5 yrs/100,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	10 yrs/100,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles
ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE	5 yrs/100,000 miles	3yrs/36,000 miles	5 yrs/60,000 miles	7 yrs/100,000 miles	2 yrs/Unlimited
FUEL CAPACITY	20.0 gal	21.0 gal	21.1 gal	20.0 gal	20.0 gal
EPA CITY/HWY/COMB ECON	17/25/20 mpg	19/28/22 mpg	17/22/19 mpg	19/25/21 mpg	18/25/21 mpg
ENERGY CONS., CITY/HWY	198/135 kW-hrs/100 miles	177/120 kW-hrs/100 miles	198/153 kW-hrs/100 miles	177/135 kW-hrs/100 miles	187/135 kW-hrs/100 miles
CO2 EMISSIONS, COMB	0.98 lb/mile	0.87 lb/mile	1.02 lb/mile	0.91 lb/mile	0.94 lb/mile
REAL MPG, CITY/HWY/COMB	16.4/25.3/19.5 mpg	18.7/27.0/21.7 mpg	17.3/23.8/19.7 mpg	18.6/24.3/20.8 mpg	19.4/27.1/22.2 mpg
RECOMMENDED FUEL	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular	Unleaded regular



Fuel costs are dropping, but we can't count on them to stay low.

Conclusion

Four of these minivans might have the Chrysler Town & Country to thank for their existence, but heritage doesn't win awards. The Town & Country is the best-selling minivan in the country, but there's no overcoming its dated and cramped interior, lackluster driving dynamics, and poor crash-test scores.

The same safety concerns that sunk the Chrysler sink the Nissan Quest, as well. As comfortable as the Quest's seats are, its awful crash-test performance coupled with its lackluster fuel economy and driving dynamics went over like a lead balloon.

Toyota fares better than its Chrysler and Nissan rivals. Yes, its black hole of an interior and a rock-hard suspension are less than ideal, but the Sienna really punches above its weight in the numbers with the lowest cost of ownership of the bunch and impressive fuel economy and safety scores.

There was little doubt in our minds on the finishing order for the bottom three contenders, but judges went back and forth between this Big Test's top two finishers for weeks—so little differentiates the two. Although both minivans are clearly complete packages above and beyond the rest, ultimately the Odyssey earns the silver medal.

We love the Honda's versatility, roominess, and features, but we aren't completely sold on its fuel-economy merits given its Real MPG numbers. Nor can we justify giving its lackluster cabin materials a pass considering its sticker price.

And that leaves us with the new kid on the block. The Kia Sedona might not sport segment-leading fuel economy or cargo volume, but it is hands-down the most stylish, comfortable, and best-driving minivan on the road. The Sedona is a value-rich vehicle that its owners are sure to enjoy, whether they're schlepping to work or down the coast for another fun-filled family vacation. ■

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KEY

5M five-speed manual
6A six-speed automatic
6-sp auto-cl man
six-speed auto-clutch manual

7-sp twin-cl auto
seven-speed twin-clutch automatic
FWD front-wheel drive
AWD all-wheel drive / **RWD** rear-wheel drive

**NHTSA and IIHS
safety data** derived from
2015 or 2016 model ratings

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an average of all model variants.

ALL-NEW

New inside
and out,
possible
powertrain
changes

MAJOR

Mid-cycle
change
updates, minor
powertrain
changes

MINOR

Special editions,
significant new
features

UNCHANGED

Minor trim
or package
changes,
new colors



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25/36 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.8 sec

Acura ILX

Base Price \$28,820-\$35,810 **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The ILX adds a new 201-hp, 2.4-liter I-4 paired to an eight-speed twin-clutch auto, both first seen on the TLX. Newly available safety tech includes adaptive cruise control and an upgraded collision mitigation system, both part of the AcuraWatch suite of driver assistance aids. The A-Spec package adds 18-inch wheels, red interior accent lighting, a rear spoiler, and a body kit. **Cool Fact** The eight-speed twin-clutch auto has a torque converter for greater refinement at low speeds.

Finally, a credible entry-level offering from Acura.

Base Engine 2.4L/201-hp/180-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 8-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: Not Yet Rated 0-60 mph: 3.0 sec*

Acura NSX

Base Price \$150,000* **Body Type** Coupe

ALL-NEW Acura's iconic mid-engine supercar returns with a hybrid powertrain that combines a twin-turbo V-6 and three electric motors for an estimated output of more than 550 hp. Unlike the previous generation, the new NSX is AWD and uses a nine-speed twin-clutch automatic transmission. A four-mode integrated dynamics system allows the driver to change the car's driving dynamics from Quiet (EV) and Sport to Sport Plus and Track. **Cool Fact** Acura constructed the NSX primarily of aluminum and composite materials.

An American-made Japanese supercar.

Base Engine 3.5L twin-turbo V-6 + triple elec, 550 hp*
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, AWD
Transmission 9-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 20-28/31-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.8-5.8 sec*

Acura RLX

Base Price \$51,870-\$66,870 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR Acura's flagship is now available with the AcuraWatch suite of safety aids, including adaptive cruise control, a collision mitigation braking system, forward collision warning, lane departure warning, blind-spot warning, road departure mitigation, and a surround view camera system. All hybrid models come standard with AcuraWatch, and the range-topping Advance package adds a Krell premium audio system and remote engine start. **Cool Fact** The RLX Sport Hybrid unifies a V-6 engine with three electric motors.

Soldiering on invisibly.

Base Engine 3.5L/310-hp/272-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.5L V-6 + triple elec, 377 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-24/31-35 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.9-7.2 sec

Acura TLX

Base Price \$32,500-\$46,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The TLX, new for 2015, replaced the TSX and TL. Acura's eight-speed twin-clutch automatic and direct-injected, 2.4-liter I-4 made their debut in the TLX and can now be found in the entry-level ILX premium compact sedan. Super-Handling All-Wheel Drive (SH-AWD) is paired with engine stop-start tech and is available on the TLX V-6 model. **Cool Fact** Front-drive TLX models come with a rear-wheel steering system called Precision All-Wheel Steer (P-AWS) for improved handling and agility.

Getting closer to its rivals one step at a time.

Base Engine 2.4L/206-hp/182-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.5L/290-hp/267-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 8-sp twin-cl auto; 9A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24/34 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.0 sec

Alfa Romeo 4C

Base Price \$56,000-\$66,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR A convertible variant called the 4C Spider was added in late 2015. In addition to performance enhancements such as staggered wheels and a lightweight carbon-fiber-intensive body, the 4C is available with a sports exhaust. The 4C Spider offers a center-mounted Akrapovič titanium twin-outlet exhaust with carbon-fiber surrounds. Both options provide plenty of aural pleasure. **Look For** A range-topping Quadrifoglio Verde or GTA version with a more visceral driving experience in the near future.

Pure Alfa Romeo DNA.

Base Engine 1.7L/237-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmission 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13/19-21 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.0-4.4 sec

Aston Martin DB9 GT/Vanquish

Base Price \$194,000-\$302,000 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR With the DB11 on the horizon, Aston Martin is introducing the DB9 GT, which gets 30 horsepower more than the outgoing DB9; new 10-spoke, 20-inch wheels; an updated infotainment system; and revised front and rear fascias with updated headlights and taillights. The new infotainment system has a one-piece console with touch-sensitive switches and text message integration. **Look For** The DB9 replacement to debut before long, taking some styling cues from the limited-run Vulcan track-only supercar.

Even toward the end of their life cycle, these Astons hardly look dated.

Base Engine 5.9L/540-568-hp/457-465-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6A; 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



Aston Martin Rapide S

Base Price \$209,120 **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR The Rapide S' old-school six-speed automatic transmission is gone, replaced by the ubiquitous ZF eight-speed automatic in a transaxle arrangement. Aston Martin claims that change, along with other mechanical refinements, shaves half a second off the 0-60 time. Inside, a new one-piece console that continues back through the center of the car joins an updated infotainment system; touch-sensitive switches offer haptic feedback. **Cool Fact** The ZF eight-speed will adapt on the fly to your driving style.

Base Engine 5.9L/552-hp/465-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14/22 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.2 sec*

When you want a fast and flashy four-door but don't want a Bentley.



Aston Martin Vantage

Base Price \$103,000-\$200,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

UNCHANGED The Vantage ranges from the relatively affordable GT to the powerful V12 Roadster, and all models this year benefit from a revised infotainment system. The V8, V8 S, and V12 S models round out the lineup, and the new base-model GT introduced last year offers yet another choice. The automated manual can be clunky off the track, so we're hoping the ZF eight-speed makes its way from the Vanquish. **Driver's Choice** The GT12 is a lightweight, motorsport-derived special edition limited worldwide to a mere 100 cars.

Base Engine 4.7L/420-430-hp/346-361-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 5.9L/565-hp/457-lb-ft V-12
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 7-sp auto-cl manual
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 12-14/18-21 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.1-4.7 sec*

The Aston Martin for those who think sports cars need to be shifted by hand.



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Audi A3/S3

Base Price \$31,825-\$43,425 **Body Type** Sedan, conv, hatch

MAJOR The A3 gains standard features such as a rearview camera and parking sensors. Prestige models are now available with the full suite of driver assistance systems. All models can now be had with the Sport or S Line packages, 4G LTE connectivity, and a Bang & Olufsen sound system. The Black Optic Performance package is now available in the S3 and comes with black exterior accents and Audi magnetic ride. **Look For** The hatchback variant to return in the form of the e-tron plug-in hybrid by the end of 2015.

Base Engine 1.8L/170-hp/200-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/150-hp/236-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/292-hp/280-lb-ft turbo I-4; 1.4L turbo I-4 + elec, 201 hp*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6-sp twin-cl auto; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-31/31-43 mpg; Not Yet Rated (e-tron) 0-60 mph: 4.7-8.2 sec

Posh, classy, and small.



Audi A4/S4

Base Price \$36,825-\$50,125 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR Entry-level models gain a three-spoke steering wheel, an optional Navigation package that also includes hands-free keyless entry/start, and a 4G LTE connection. The Technology package on the Premium Plus model now comes with the Bang & Olufsen audio system. Premium models are available with the S Line Competition Plus package, which adds 19-inch wheels. The 333-hp S4 can be fitted with a sport rear differential and adaptive damping. **Look For** An all-new A4 for the 2017 model year.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

EPA-Econ city/Hwy: 17-24/26-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.4-6.4 sec*

Aging but still a dominant force.



Audi A5/RS 5

Base Price \$41,425-\$81,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR A 4G LTE connection can be had as part of the Navigation Plus package, and the S line exterior is now standard. The Bang & Olufsen sound system is now standard in Premium Plus trim. All A5 and S5 models are now available in the Misano Red Pearl exterior color, and convertibles can be ordered with a red top. The S5's optional Black Optic Plus package now comes with black side mirror housings and 20-inch wheels. **Best Buy** The A5 provides a great balance of performance and fuel economy wrapped in a sleek package.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6; 4.2L/450-hp/317-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-22/22-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.0-6.9 sec

Timeless looks and excellent performance make the A5 a solid choice despite its age.



Audi A6/S6

Base Price \$47,125-\$71,825 **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The 2.0T model's turbo-four now makes 252 hp, the supercharged V-6 is now rated at 333 hp, and the V-8-powered S6 produces 30 more ponies for 450 hp. A turbodiesel V-6 remains available, as does an entry-level model powered by a turbo-four. The revised interior now has the latest MMI infotainment system with updated controls, and exterior styling changes include a larger grille. **Driver's Choice** The S6 is the classic wolf in sheep's clothing, making it one of the best sleepers on sale today.

Base Engine 2.0L/252-hp/273-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t-diesel V-6; 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6; 4.0L/450-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-25/27-38 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.9-7.4 sec*

A great all-around sports sedan in a suit and tie.



Base Engine 5.2L/540-hp/398-lb-ft V-10
Opt Engines 5.2L/610-hp/413-lb-ft V-10;
 456-hp/679-lb-ft electric
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 7-sp twin-cl auto; 1A*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/23 mpg; 90 mpg-e comb (e-tron)* **0-60 mpg:** 3.0-4.0 sec* | Style and substance in a seductive shell.

Audi R8 (2017) **Base Price** \$165,000-\$185,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

ALL-NEW Sporting a fresh but evolutionary exterior, the Audi R8 will return in CY 2016 as striking as ever. Packing a seven-speed twin-clutch transmission and a choice of two V-10 engines, the R8 shows that high-revving, naturally aspirated engines are alive and well. The virtual cockpit and its 12.3-inch TFT cluster display will be standard on all models, and Audi will offer a rear-drive electric model, the R8 e-tron, later. **Look For** A driver-oriented interior in all R8s thanks to the virtual cockpit that first debuted in the new TT.



Audi A7/RS 7

Base Price \$69,225-\$109,825 **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR A7s with the supercharged V-6 and the V-8-powered S7 gain more power—333 hp and 450 hp, respectively—and the diesel-powered TDI and high-performance RS 7 carry over. The revised front and rear fascias include a new grille and standard LED headlights and taillights. Audi has added new interior upholstery in gray, brown, and red and carbon-fiber inserts with red accents. **Best Buy** Diesel-powered A7s offer a compelling mix of performance, fuel economy, sex appeal, and practicality.

Base Engine 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engines 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t-diesel V-6; 4.0L/450-560-hp/406-516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8*
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmissions 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-25/25-38 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.2-5.4 sec*

A svelte hatchback for those seeking a practical getaway car.



Audi A8/S8

Base Price \$82,425-\$140,125 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The A8 4.0T's new Sport trim comes with sport air intakes, side sills, a rear diffuser, and a restyled front bumper. Driver aids such as adaptive cruise control with stop-and-go function, active lane assist, and a head-up display are available. The Dynamic package adds a more aggressive steering calibration for better response. Vermont Brown leather and fine-grain ash wood accents make the interior feel more luxurious. **Driver's Choice** The S8 provides plenty of luxury and sports car-rivalling performance levels.

Base Engine 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engines 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t-diesel V-6; 4.0L/435-520-hp/444-481-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 6.3L/500-hp/463-lb-ft W-12
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 40%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-24/22-36 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.5-5.8 sec

Audi's all-weather luxury flagship.



Audi TT/TTS

Base Price \$43,825-\$52,825 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

ALL-NEW Now using the Volkswagen Group's MQB platform, the TT is lighter and stiffer than the previous generation. A 2.0-liter turbo-four is the only engine available, but it comes in two power ratings and is paired with a six-speed twin-clutch automatic transmission. A 12.3-inch TFT screen is the instrument cluster and doubles as the display for the MMI infotainment system and navigation with Google Earth maps. **Cool Fact** Bauhaus design was the inspiration for the original TT's exterior, stressing a clean, simple look.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/292-hp/280-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22/31 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 4.4-5.5 sec*

Improved performance in a lighter, more technologically advanced package.



Bentley Continental GT/GT Speed

Base Price \$201,225-\$269,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR The Continental gets updated front fenders, front/rear bumpers, fender vents, and trunklid. Inside, Bentley turns up the luxury with new seat finishes, new dashboard detailing, a Wi-Fi option, semi-aniline hides, and an Alcantara headliner option. The twin-turbo W-12 has been revised to produce an additional 15 hp with better fuel economy and lower emissions. **Best Buy** Instead of the W-12 models, go for the lighter V8 S—it's quick, capable, and offers a few more miles of driving range.

Base Engine 4.0L/500-572-hp/487-518-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine 6.0L/582-626-hp/531-607-lb-ft twin-turbo W-12
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13-15/20-25 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 3.6-4.2 sec

The Continental puts the Grand in Grand Touring.



Bentley Flying Spur

Base Price \$206,725-\$228,025 **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Flying Spur gets a new alloy wheel design, new steering wheel design, the same Wi-Fi system introduced on the Continental, a pair of new interior colors, and three new exterior paint colors. Variable power-assisted steering and a new variable displacement system contribute to increased range and reduced emissions. A new Beluga Specification for V8 models includes special wheels, black trim inside and out, and more. **Cool Fact** The 200-mph top speed makes the Flying Spur the fastest Bentley sedan on sale.

Base Engine 4.0L/500-hp/487-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Opt Engine 6.0L/616-hp/590-lb-ft twin-turbo W-12

Drivetrain Front engine, AWD

Transmission 8A

Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

The Bentley sedan for when an S-Class simply isn't appealing enough.

Bentley Mulsanne/Speed

Base Price \$310,125-\$342,025 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR Bentley introduces the Mulsanne Speed with 530 hp and 811 lb-ft of torque, raising the bar on how much power is enough; the base Mulsanne produces 505 hp and 752 lb-ft. The Mulsanne Speed recently got the nod in a comparison test against the less expensive but still formidable Mercedes-Maybach S600. Luxury is more than skin deep in the Bentley. It smells good, too. **Cool Fact** You can video chat in the back via built-in iPads while getting a massage from your heated seats.

Base Engine 6.8L/505-hp/752-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Opt Engine 6.8L/530-hp/811-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD

Transmission 8A

Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

Bentley's flagship blends luxury with lots of torque.

BMW 2 Series

Base Price \$33,845-\$51,745 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

UNCHANGED The 2 Series, spiritual successor to the small sporty BMWs from years ago, gained available AWD and a convertible model last year. The convertible top can be opened or closed in 20 seconds at speeds up to 30 mph. We hear the front-drive 2 Series Active Tourer will not be coming to America, because it's too small and could cannibalize sales of the Mini Countryman. **Look For** The M2, with more power and handling refinements over the M235i, to make its debut sometime in the next couple years.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/255-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engine 3.0L/320-hp/330-lb-ft turbo I-6

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety IIHS: TSP+

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

The 2 Series can only go up from here.

BMW 3 Series/Plug-In/M3

Base Price \$33,000*-\$64,195 **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback, wagon

MAJOR A new 320-hp turbo-six for the new 340i and a plug-in hybrid 330e model are the main highlights of the face-lifted 3 Series range. Other changes include revised headlight clusters, mildly refreshed exterior styling, a retuned suspension, new electric power steering, and updated transmissions. Diesel power and all-wheel drive carry over from the previous model year, and a new Track Handling package includes variable steering and adaptive M suspension. **Driver's Choice** All 3 Series models are fun to drive on a twisty road.

Base Engine 2.0L/180-hp/200-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engines 2.0L/240-hp/255-lb-ft turbo I-4; 3.0L/320-hp/330-lb-ft turbo I-6; 2.0L/181-hp/280-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 3.0L/425-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo I-6; 2.0L turbo I-4 + elec, 250 hp*

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

The benchmark sports sedan and wagon refined.

BMW 4 Series/M4

Base Price \$42,845-\$74,895 **Body Type** Coupe, conv, hatch

MINOR After BMW's big 2015 with the introduction of the Gran Coupe hatch and M4 models, look for BMW to replace the 435i with a 440i model with a 320-hp turbo-six to match the 340i changes this year. A new 100-unit 435i ZHP Coupe Edition with a selection of parts from M Accessory Performance makes its debut to pay homage to the performance package available on the 2003-2006 E46 3 Series. **Best Buy** 428i Gran Coupe if you like the 6 Series Gran Coupe's style but don't want to spend at least \$80,000.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/255-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engines 3.0L/320-hp/330-lb-ft turbo I-6*; 3.0L/425-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo I-6

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

If it weren't for the Gran Coupe, we'd be used to the 3 and 4 Series name change bit by now.

BMW 5 Series/M5

Base Price \$51,195-\$96,395 **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED The 5 Series, a longtime player in the sporty midsize luxury segment, has crept up in price as the competition has caught up in luxury and sport. With such a wide range of available engines, from a 240-horsepower turbo-four to a 335-horsepower hybrid turbo-six to a 575-horsepower twin-turbo V-8, there's one for every driver. Enhanced USB and Bluetooth are now standard on all 5 Series, and the 550i gets a standard power trunk. **Cool Fact** The M5 Competition Package adds 15 hp and firmer suspension.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engines 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6; 3.0L/255-hp/413-lb-ft t-diesel I-6; 3.0L turbo I-6 + elec, 335 hp; 4.4L/445-575-hp/480-500-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 5 stars

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

Will an upcoming redesign help the 5 Series regain its throne?

HEAD 2 HEAD
WINNER



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Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A

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Safety IIHS: TSP+

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

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Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

The benchmark sports sedan and wagon refined.

BMW 4 Series/M4

Base Price \$42,845-\$74,895 **Body Type** Coupe, conv, hatch

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BMW 5 Series/M5

Base Price \$51,195-\$96,395 **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED The 5 Series, a longtime player in the sporty midsize luxury segment, has crept up in price as the competition has caught up in luxury and sport. With such a wide range of available engines, from a 240-horsepower turbo-four to a 335-horsepower hybrid turbo-six to a 575-horsepower twin-turbo V-8, there's one for every driver. Enhanced USB and Bluetooth are now standard on all 5 Series, and the 550i gets a standard power trunk. **Cool Fact** The M5 Competition Package adds 15 hp and firmer suspension.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engines 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6; 3.0L/255-hp/413-lb-ft t-diesel I-6; 3.0L turbo I-6 + elec, 335 hp; 4.4L/445-575-hp/480-500-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 5 stars

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

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Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

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Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto

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BMW 6 Series/M6

Base Price \$77,550-\$122,150 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible, sedan
MINOR The entire 6 Series range receives subtle exterior styling tweaks, and the Alpina B6 xDrive Gran Coupe is now rated at 600 horsepower and 590 lb-ft of torque. Adaptive LED headlights are now standard equipment, and the new M Sport Edition pack combines the M Sport and Executive packages into one. The 6 Series is offered as a coupe, four-door, and convertible. **Best Buy** The base 640i with the M Sport Edition package nicely fuses together performance, luxury, and fuel efficiency.

Base Engine 3.0L/315-hp/330-lb-ft turbo I-6
Opt Engine 4.4L/445-hp/480-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

Despite going under the scalpel, the BMW 6 Series still looks the same.

BMW 7 Series

Base Price \$82,290-\$98,395 **Body Type** Sedan
ALL-NEW The new 7 Series drops weight, gains lots more tech, and is now only offered in long-wheelbase form in the U.S. Under the hood will be an all-new inline-six, a revised 4.4-liter V-8, and later in 2016 a plug-in hybrid. Inside, the iDrive system gains touch- and gesture-based controls, and the rear seat gets reclining seat backs and eight different massage modes. **Cool Fact** The Active Comfort Drive system uses a stereoscopic camera to scan the road ahead and adjust the suspension predictively.

Base Engine 3.0L/320-hp/330-lb-ft turbo I-6
Opt Engine 4.4L/445-hp/480-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 39%

Because the 7 Series shows off BMW's latest and greatest tech, we can't wait for the trickle-down.

BMW i3

Base Price \$43,500-\$47,500* **Body Type** Hatchback
UNCHANGED Expect the technologically advanced i3 to remain largely unchanged for 2016, but don't be surprised to see BMW continue integrating lessons from the i3, which offers a gas-powered two-cylinder range extender, into mainstream vehicles and hybrids. The new 7 Series, with its carbon-fiber-reinforced plastic, aluminum, and high-strength steel, is evidence of the i3's influence. The engineering behind the upcoming 740e xDrive plug-in shows hints of i3, as well. **Avoid** The i3 if you like your Driving Machine to be Ultimate.



Base Motor 170-hp/184-lb-ft electric
Opt range-extending engine 34-hp I-2
Drivetrain Rear motor, RWD
Transmission 1A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

Maybe the eSetta would have been a better name.

BMW i8

Base Price \$137,500* **Body Type** Coupe
UNCHANGED The hybrid i8 supercar takes a far different approach to high technology and advanced materials than the i3. It more successfully marries the BMW driving experience with efficiency. The i8 is one of those cars that looks great in photos but even better in person. Any doubt that may have been imparted by the i3 is more than made up for with the i8, which has a near-perfect 49/51 percent front/rear weight distribution. **Driver's Choice** The i8 if you want your hybrid to define you as a driving enthusiast.

Base Engine 1.5L turbo I-3 + electric, 357 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

For when you want a trackworthy hybrid but missed out on the P1, 918, and LaFerrari.

BMW Z4

Base Price \$50,245-\$66,795 **Body Type** Convertible
UNCHANGED Remember the hardtop convertible from BMW? Yeah, that one. The Z4 offers three different engines, from a 240-horsepower, 2.0-liter turbo-four to a 335-horsepower, twin-turbo inline-six. On the base Z4 sDrive28i, which comes standard with sport seats, you can even get a six-speed manual. The pricing for several packages has also been reduced, and Crimson Red has been discontinued as an exterior color option. **Look For** The Toyota/BMW partnership to spawn a Z4 successor before 2020.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6; 3.0L/335-hp/332-lb-ft twin-turbo I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Still one of the better-looking hardtop convertibles around.

Buick Cascada

Base Price \$32,000* **Body Type** Convertible
ALL-NEW Essentially another Opel with a Buick badge, the Cascada is the brand's first convertible since 1991. A new 200-hp, 1.6-liter turbo-four is the only engine available, and it's mated to a six-speed automatic. An overboost function momentarily increases torque from 206 to 221 lb-ft for quicker acceleration. Tech features include Buick's IntelliLink infotainment system with a 7-inch touchscreen and 4G LTE connectivity. **Cool Fact** The Cascada's HiPer Strut front suspension was developed to limit torque steer in front-drive vehicles.

Base Engine 1.6L/200-hp/206-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

A German-born American cruiser.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-20/20-31 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.9-5.4 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-20/25-30 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 4.3-5.4 sec*



EPA Econ Comb: 117-124 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 6.4 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 76 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 3.8 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-22/24-34 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.4-5.2 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23/30 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 7.0 sec*



Buick LaCrosse

Base Price \$32,500-\$40,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR A lower trim level called the 1SV equipment group was added mid-2015, lowering the LaCrosse's base price. Cosmetic changes will include new 20-inch alloy wheel choices on AWD models and three new exterior colors: Dark Sapphire Blue Metallic, Graphite Gray Metallic, and Ebony Twilight Metallic. Buick's IntelliLink infotainment system has been updated with a new screen and two USB ports. The mild-hybrid eAssist powertrain remains the base engine. **Look For** A redesigned LaCrosse in the near future, inside and out.

Base Engine 2.4L I-4 + elec, 182 hp
Opt Engine 3.6L/304-hp/264-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-25/26-36 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.6-8.6 sec

Buick's answer to the Lexus ES.



Buick Regal/Regal GS

Base Price \$28,500-\$41,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED A new base trim level was added mid-2015 to lower the Regal's base price. Other changes include an updated IntelliLink infotainment system with new display screens and more intuitive controls. 4G LTE connectivity via OnStar is also available for a monthly fee after the three-month/3-GB trial ends. **Cool Fact** The Regal is an Americanized Opel Insignia sedan and was originally manufactured in Rüsselsheim, Germany, before North American production transferred to Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.

Base Engine 2.4L/182-hp/172-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/259-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.4L I-4 + elec, 182 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19-25/27-36 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.2-9.1 sec

An American that speaks with a German accent.



Buick Verano

Base Price \$23,000-\$30,500* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED Like other Buicks, a new entry-level Verano was added mid-2015 to lower its base price to less than \$25,000. Additional 4G LTE service is available for a monthly fee after the three-month/3-GB trial period ends. Unlike the midsize Regal, the Verano is more of a cruiser, featuring a comfortable, well-built cabin with plenty of sound insulation to keep things quiet inside the car. **Look For** A new Verano that rides on GM's new DXX platform in the near future, along with new powertrains and a new infotainment system.

Base Engine 2.4L/180-hp/171-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/250-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 20-21/30-32 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.4-8.3 sec

A compact LaCrosse for those looking for a small luxury cruiser.



Cadillac ATS/ATS-V

Base Price \$34,000*-\$63,660 **Body Type** Sedan, coupe

MAJOR In addition to the high-performance ATS-V, the Cadillac ATS is expected to gain the 3.6-liter V-6 first introduced in the full-size CT6, where it produces 335 horsepower. GM's in-house eight-speed automatic gearbox could replace the six-speed unit currently available in all ATS models. A new version of Cadillac's CUE infotainment system will be added in the 2016 ATS and ATS-V. **Driver's Choice** The twin-turbocharged ATS-V offers performance and handling tuned to specifically hunt the BMW M3 and M4.

Base Engine 2.5L/202-hp/191-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/272-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4; 3.6L/335-hp/284-lb-ft V-6*; 3.6L/464-hp/445-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-21/23-33 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.0-7.0 sec*

German performance cars beware.



Cadillac CTS/CTS-V

Base Price \$48,000-\$84,990* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR In addition to the new CTS-V super sedan and its snarling 640-hp, supercharged V-8, the CTS should gain a new 335-hp, 3.6-liter V-6. The eight-speed automatic that first appeared in the 2014 CTS Vsport and rear-drive V-6 is projected to be the standard gearbox in all engine options. A new version of Cadillac's CUE infotainment system will be introduced on the 2016 CTS. **Driver's Choice** The new CTS-V is the all-American super sedan with performance and handling that rivals or beats the European competition.

Base Engine 2.0L/272-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.6L/335-hp/284-lb-ft V-6*; 3.6L/420-hp/430-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 6.2L/640-hp/630-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-20/22-30 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 3.3-6.3 sec*

The American sledgehammer seeks to smite the Germans.



Cadillac CT6/Plug-In

Base Price \$65,000-\$90,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW Cadillac's flagship aims directly at the German competition and brings with it an eight-speed automatic, a new plug-in hybrid powertrain, and a powerful twin-turbo V-6. Estimated to weigh less than 3,700 pounds and sporting GM's Magnetic Ride Control, active rear steering, and selectable driving modes, the CT6 is lighter than its competition and promises to handle better. **Look For** A 34-speaker Bose Panaray sound system will be available, as will a new version of Cadillac's CUE infotainment system featuring a 10.2-inch touchscreen.

Base Engine 2.0/265-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 3.6L/335-hp/284-lb-ft V-6*; 3.0L/400-hp/400-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6*; 2.0L turbo I-4 + twin elec, 335 hp*
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 8A; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-23/26-32 mpg; 50 mpg-e comb (PHEV)* **0-60 mph:** 4.8-6.5 sec* | Bold, exciting, and more adventurous than its German adversaries.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-21/25-31 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.0-6.0 sec*

An exciting follow-up to our 2014 Best Driver's Car.

Base Engine 2.0L/275-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.6L/335-hp/284-lb-ft V-6;
 6.2L/455-hp/455-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



Chevrolet Camaro

Base Price \$25,000-\$40,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible
ALL-NEW The redesigned Camaro takes an evolutionary step in the styling department, and weight is down nearly 200 pounds. The muscle car's overall dimensions shrink, three engines are available at launch, and Magnetic Ride Control has been added to the SS. Tremec six-speed manuals are joined by the in-house eight-speed automatics, making the capable Camaro even better. **Look For** A Z/28 redux to continue dominating. The outgoing car was crowned our 2014 Best Driver's Car.



EPA Econ comb gas/elec: 31 mpg/85 mpg-e* 0-60 mph: 6.4 sec*

Cadillac ELR

Base Price \$65,995 **Body Type** Coupe

MAJOR The 2016 ELR gets an updated powertrain with more power and improved suspension tuning as well as revised steering and braking calibrations. The car's electric-only range has also increased to 39 miles, and the range extender allows it to travel up to 330 miles. An available Performance package adds 20-inch wheels with summer performance tires but reduces the electric-only range by 4 miles.

Avoid Thinking about the price, which is still mind-boggling despite the huge price cut from the previous model.

The Volt's posh cousin.

Base Engine 233-hp/373-lb-ft elec +
 1.4L/84-hp I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-18/24-28 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.3-6.9 sec

Cadillac XTS

Base Price \$46,000-\$68,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR Expected changes to the XTS include a more responsive CUE infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support, the addition of a wireless cellphone charging system, and a 360-degree-view camera system to make parking easier. We also anticipate minor exterior design changes, such as Cadillac's new wreathless crest logo and a new grille design.

Cool Fact It has the only transverse application of GM's 3.6-liter, twin-turbo V-6, but it's less powerful compared to the ATS-V and CTS Vsport.

Large, imposing, and typically American.

Base Engine 3.6L/305-hp/264-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.6L/410-hp/369-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 37%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13-17/21-29 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.2-3.8 sec

Chevrolet Corvette

Base Price \$56,000-\$85,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR A 500-unit special edition called the Corvette Z06 C7R Edition joins the range. Three new exterior styling packages are also now available, alongside interior enhancements such as two-tone GT seats in leather or suede and a now-standard flat-bottom steering wheel for Stingray. Magnetic Ride Control is now available without the Z51 Package in the Stingray. **Driver's Choice** Corvette Stingrays with the Z51 Package and Magnetic Ride Control offer the best blend of daily usability and performance fun.

The definitive American sports car.

Base Engine 6.2L/455-460-hp/460-465-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.2L/650-hp/650-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 7M; 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27/39-46 mpg* 0-60 mph: 8.0-8.5 sec

Chevrolet Cruze

Base Price \$17,500-\$26,500* **Body Type** Sedan, hatch

ALL-NEW The Cruze gets redesigned this year. The exterior has been reworked with a new grille, a pair of character lines that run the length of the body, and unique lighting elements that change the look of the rear. A 1.4-liter turbo-four is standard, and a turbodiesel engine is coming for the 2017 model year. The lightened car will be larger, offering more interior space and new-to-Cruze safety tech on higher trims. **Look For** A hatchback to go on sale sometime after the sedan hits dealers in early 2016.

A new look, new tech, and new engines should help the Cruze get back in the game.

Base Engine 1.4L/153-hp/177-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/150-hp/240-lb-ft t-diesel I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-22/25-31 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.2-9.1 sec*

Chevrolet Impala

Base Price \$28,000-\$35,500* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Impala now offers wireless charging for compatible mobile devices and the Midnight Edition Appearance package, which includes 19-inch wheels, a blacked-out grille, black bow tie, black paint, and a rear spoiler. Five new exterior color options are added: Siren Red Tintcoat, Citron Green Metallic, Heather Gray Metallic, Mosaic Black Metallic, and Green Envy Metallic. **Best Buy** The Impala shares some parts with the Buick LaCrosse, meaning the Chevy is quieter and nicer than the previous generation.

Chevy's top-of-the-line front-drive sedan feels quite luxurious.

Base Engine 2.5L/196-hp/186-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 3.6L/305-hp/264-lb-ft V-6;
3.6L/230-260-hp/218-247-lb-ft CNG-gas V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-48/32-45 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 6.3-8.5 sec*

Chevrolet Malibu

Base Price \$23,500-\$34,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW The redesigned 2016 Malibu's new hybrid powertrain promises 47 combined mpg. A 1.5-liter and 2.0-liter turbo-four round out the new Malibu's engine offerings. Longer and lighter than the car it replaces, the new Malibu offers a slew of tech features including an entire suite of new safety aids, an updated version of Chevy's MyLink infotainment system with a 7-inch touchscreen, and wireless cellphone charging. **Cool Fact** The Teen Driver system grades how teenagers drive and reports back to their parents.

A svelte family sedan that doubles as an on-road nanny for marauding teens.

Base Engine 1.5L/160-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 1.8L I-4 + elec, 182 hp*;
2.0L/250-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; 8A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25-29/33-40 mpg **0-60 mph:** 8.1-9.0 sec*

Chevrolet Sonic/RS

Base Price \$15,000-\$22,000* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED The Sonic enters the 2016 model year with the MyLink infotainment system and a 7-inch touchscreen standard on LT models. A six-speed automatic is now standard on the LTZ model, and new exterior colors include Nightfall Gray Metallic, Mosaic Black Metallic, and Kinetic Blue Metallic. The Sonic offers 4G LTE Wi-Fi on models with the MyLink system, with a complimentary three-month trial period. **Driver's Choice** The RS if you're an experience person—but not if you're a numbers person.

A capable and fun small car that's ready for an update.

Base Engine 1.8L/138-hp/125-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.4L/138-hp/148-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 31/40 mpg*; 128/109 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 8.5-9.5 sec*

Chevrolet Spark/EV

Base Price \$14,500*-\$25,995 **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW No longer sporting a bug-eyed look, the 2016 Spark is stronger, safer, and available in vibrant colors. Longer and lower than the current model, the new city car is also more spacious. A new version of Chevrolet's MyLink infotainment system comes with smartphone-like usability, including swipe and pinch to zoom functions. The outgoing Spark's EV model continues as a 2016 model. **Look For** New safety aids will be offered, including forward collision alert, lane departure warning, and side blind-spot alert.

Small, quirky, bubbly, and safer than ever.

Base Engine 1.4L/98-hp/94-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Motor 140-hp/327-lb-ft electric
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; CVT; 1A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-15/21 **0-60 mph:** 4.5-4.6 sec

Chevrolet SS

Base Price \$47,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The SS is the third Holden Commodore-based vehicle imported to our shores, and with manufacturing in Australia coming to an end in 2017, it seems as if the Commodore family's days might be numbered. Opting for the manual transmission will save owners \$1,300 by allowing them to circumvent the gas guzzler tax tacked onto the automatic-equipped models with slightly lower fuel economy. **Best Buy** Any SS if you're a fan of full-size rear-drive performance sedans.

After the Pontiac GTO and G8, the Commodore gets one last run in the States.

Base Engine 6.2L/415-hp/415-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%



EPA Econ comb gas/elec: 41 mpg*; 106 mpg-e* **0-60 mph:** 8.4 sec*

Chevrolet Volt

Base Price \$33,995 **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW Looking curvier than before, the Chevrolet Volt now comes with more torque than its predecessor and an estimated combined driving range of more than 400 miles (an estimated 50 miles of EV-only range). The Volt weighs 250 pounds less than the car it replaces thanks to a lighter platform and a re-engineered powertrain. A new version of the MyLink infotainment system will be displayed on an 8-inch touchscreen. **Cool Fact** The new 1.5-liter I-4, functionally a generator, is more powerful and now runs on regular-octane gas.

Better than ever, the Volt returns to impress an even bigger audience.

Base Engine 149-hp/294-lb-ft elec +
1.5L/101-hp I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 32%



Chrysler 200

Base Price \$22,990-\$32,420 **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED Late in 2015, Chrysler began offering Ambassador Blue leather on 200S models and Mocha leather on 200C models. Otherwise, with increased sales and an even smaller percentage going to fleets, it looks like more than just business travelers are willing to upgrade to the 200. With the hit-or-miss nature of nine-speed automatics, we appreciate the 200's transmission tuning but wish the four-cylinder model were a bit quicker. **Cool Fact** The Chrysler 200 placed third in a six-car Big Test comparison in 2014.

Base Engine 2.4L/184-hp/173-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/295-hp/262-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 9A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-23/29-36 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.3-8.7 sec

You won't get teased by the valet when you rent this one.



Chrysler 300

Base Price \$33,000-\$46,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED After a major refresh last year, expect the 300 to stay the course for 2016. The refresh removed a number of weak points from an already good car. The 300 is a comfortable, large sedan with modern driver aids, including an adaptive cruise control that doesn't give up in heavy traffic and can bring the car to a stop. Like previous generations, the 300 isn't terribly light on its feet, but it stays composed when the going gets twisty. **Avoid** Hoping for another SRT model, as Dodge is being groomed as the FCA performance brand.

Base Engine 3.6L/292-300-hp/260-264-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 5.7L/363-hp/394-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-19/25-31 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.6-6.4 sec

The refined 300 matures, but it lost something along the way.



Dodge Challenger/SRT Hellcat

Base Price \$28,000-\$61,000* **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED After a big year with the introduction of the SRT Hellcat and Scat Pack models, the Challenger won't likely change much before a redesign in a couple years. Although it's easy to forget the wide range of excellent models below the 707-hp Hellcat, the Scat Pack stood out last year by sticking the SRT 392's engine in the R/T for a \$7,700 discount. We've tested an automatic Scat Pack model hitting 60 mph in just 4.2 seconds. **Driver's Choice** Unlike the Charger SRT Hellcat sedan, the Challenger Hellcat offers a manual transmission.

Base Engine 3.6L/305-hp/268-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 5.7L/372-375-hp/400-410-lb-ft V-8; 6.4L/485-hp/475-lb-ft V-8; 6.2L/707-hp/650-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13-19/21-30 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.7-6.0 sec

The Hellcat will empty its tank in about 13 minutes if driven flat out.



Dodge Charger/SRT Hellcat

Base Price \$29,000-\$65,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED Along with its two-door Challenger sibling, the Charger SRT Hellcat stole the spotlight last year with its 707-hp, supercharged V-8. With all that tire smoke, you may have missed the remarkably capable additions elsewhere in the lineup. The Scat Pack took the SRT 6.4-liter V-8 and tossed it into an R/T for \$8,000 less. The Charger cannot be equipped with a manual, leaving the eight-speed automatic as the lone transmission. **Best Buy** The Scat Pack's 485 hp sounds pitiful next to the Hellcat, but it's plenty for most.

Base Engine 3.6L/292-300-hp/260-264-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 5.7L/370-hp/395-lb-ft V-8; 6.4L/485-hp/475-lb-ft V-8; 6.2L/707-hp/650-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13-19/22-31 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.7-6.6 sec

For those who like their utterly ridiculous muscle cars with a touch of practicality.



Dodge Dart

Base Price \$17,500-\$25,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED We expect the Dart to soldier on without major changes. The Dart makes a reasonable value proposition by providing standard four-wheel disc brakes on every trim, not something the Corolla, Focus, or outgoing Civic can claim. The sedan offers three transmissions, though we're hoping for a better dual-clutch automatic, which was unrefined when not shifted in manual mode. Updates are expected within the next few years. **Avoid** The GT and its 18-inch wheels unless you are surrounded by immaculately maintained roads.

Base Engine 2.0L/160-hp/148-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.4L/160-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.4L/184-hp/174-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-28/31-41 mpg **0-60 mph:** 7.5-9.9 sec*

The Dart continues to age while the segment moves forward.



Dodge Viper/ACR

Base Price \$91,590-\$122,490 **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED The track-ready ACR gets suspension tweaks, aerodynamic changes, upgraded brakes, and tires designed just for this model. Last year, a \$15,000 price cut made the Viper line more affordable, and the 1 of 1 program allows Viper buyers to choose between different hand-painted exterior colors, interior trim materials, and exterior aerodynamic elements for a total of 25 million unique build combinations. **Cool Fact** No two customers can order the same configuration in the same model year in the 1 of 1 program.

Base Engine 8.4L/645-hp/600-lb-ft V-10
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 6M
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 12/21 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.3-3.5 sec

No worries about coming home and seeing an identical Viper in your neighbor's driveway.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/22 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 2.9 sec*

Ferrari 488 GTB

Base Price \$242,737 **Body Type** Coupe

ALL-NEW The 458's replacement has arrived, and the 488 GTB ushers in a new era as the second Ferrari to utilize a modern 3.9-liter, twin-turbo V-8. Power is up, fuel economy is improved, and emissions are down. Like the California T the exhaust note will change; this is the cost of doing business with turbochargers. Styling has evolved from the 458, and the interior is now even more driver-centric. **Cool Fact** The 488's aerodynamic improvements reduce drag while increasing downforce by a claimed 50 percent.

Form follows function in this mesmerizing supercar.

Base Engine 3.9L/660-hp/561-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/23 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.6 sec*

Ferrari California T

Base Price \$203,000* **Body Type** Convertible

UNCHANGED The California T remains the "high volume" model in the Ferrari portfolio, but it doesn't change for 2016. The twin-turbo V-8's block introduced on the California last year makes its way over to the 488, the replacement for the 458 line. As expected of a four-seat hardtop-convertible Ferrari, the California T appeals to a different buyer, but despite the approach it remains an excellent GT car. **Cool Fact** The California T has the second most torque in the Ferrari lineup—it's behind the 488 GTB by all of 4 lb-ft.

The convertible California T continues to create cash for the Prancing Horse.

Base Engine 3.9L/553-hp/557-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 11-12/16 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.6 sec

Ferrari F12 Berlinetta

Base Price \$327,000* **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED The F12 Berlinetta will likely be remembered as the last great and unfettered naturally aspirated V-12 Ferrari. With the introduction of the 488 GTB, the latest Ferrari to receive the turbo treatment, this high-rpm V-12 continues to feel great regulatory pressure. In the F12, a 6.3-liter V-12 produces 731 hp and 509 lb-ft of torque. With stricter emissions requirements on the horizon, we hear Ferrari might add hybrid systems in order to keep the V-12 alive. **Driver's Choice** One of the last traditional naturally aspirated V-12s.

Leave the track to the 458 Speciale—the open road is calling the F12's name.

Base Engine 6.3L/731-hp/509-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 11/16-17 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.6 sec*

Ferrari FF

Base Price \$303,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED The FF, with seating for four adults and their golf bags, remains one of the most pragmatic vehicles to ever wear the Prancing Horse badge. Ferrari's complex solution to the all-wheel-drive question—using independent transmissions for the front and rear axles—remains innovative even a few years later. The rumored FF Coupe would fit well alongside the California T and perhaps appeal to a similar demographic. **Look For** An updated FF with more power, refined styling, and maybe even a coupe variant.

The Ferrari for people with excessive friends and gear.

Base Engine 6.3L/652-hp/504-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24-31/32-40 mpg; 122/108 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 6.7-11.6 sec | Cute and aging gracefully.

Fiat 500/c/e/Abarth

Base Price \$18,000-\$33,000* **Body Type** Hatch, convertible

MINOR The Fiat 500 range is expected to gain a revised center stack and a new navigation system featuring an improved infotainment system with a touchscreen similar to those in the larger 500X and 500L. A higher-performance Abarth and a zero-tailpipe-emissions electric version will continue to be available, and special-edition models will likely to keep the 500 range interesting until its redesign. **Look For** A new, slightly larger version of the cutesy hatchback in a few years when it gets redesigned.

Base Engine 1.4L/101-hp/97-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.4L/135-160-hp/150-183-lb-ft turbo I-4; 111-hp/147-lb-ft electric
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6A; 1A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-25/30-33 mpg **0-60 mph:** 8.6-8.8 sec*

Fiat 500L

Base Price \$20,500-\$26,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED Fiat quietly stopped offering the six-speed twin-clutch automatic in 2015, and we expect the 2016 model to continue offering the same powertrain/transmission combos. Although we wish an engine-upgrade option existed, the 500L has a roomy interior, excellent visibility, a user-friendly infotainment system, and quirky looks that give it a distinctively Italian feel. **Look For** Crossover-slaying cargo capacity when the rear seats are folded and tumbled forward, making the 500L one of the most versatile hatchbacks.

A huge cavern tucked in a small package.

Base Engine 1.4L/160-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-21/23-32 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 3.9-5.6 sec

Ford takes the fight to GM: Camaro Z/28, you're on notice.

Base Engine 3.7L/300-hp/280-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 2.3L/310-hp/320-lb-ft turbo I-4; 5.0L/435-hp/400-lb-ft V-8; 5.2L/526-hp/429-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 59%



Ford Mustang **Base Price** \$24,700-\$63,495 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR The Shelby GT350 and GT350R arrive with a unique high-revving 5.2-liter, flat-plane-crankshaft eight-cylinder. The new GT350 prioritizes handling over outright dragstrip performance and takes aim squarely at the Camaro Z/28, the 2014 Best Driver's Car. All other Mustangs see appearance-related revisions for 2016, including standard turn-signal indicators on GT hood vents, the GT's California Special package, and the Pony package (EcoBoost). **Driver's Choice** The GT350R if you like it when the road gets twisty.



Ford C-Max/Energi

Base Price \$25,500-\$33,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED The C-Max gets Sync 3 (standard on SEL; it adds two USB ports) and automatic engine idle shutdown. The power window switch insert and headlamp switch finishes change to satin chrome from chrome. The standard model gets an EcoSelect button that improves fuel economy by limiting climate control output, acceleration, and cruising performance. Shadow Black and Kona Blue are new exterior color options. **Driver's Choice** The C-Max instead of the Prius V if you want a more enjoyable drive while saving gas.

Base Engine 2.0L I-4 + elec, 188-195-hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

A solid choice with or without the plug, and it doesn't feel like a penalty box.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 42/37 mpg; 95/81 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 8.1-8.5 sec*



Ford Fiesta

Base Price \$14,915-\$21,795 **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED The Fiesta gets the Sync 3 infotainment system, a standard perimeter alarm, and remote keyless entry. The ST gets new Rado Grey 17-inch wheels and optional Ebony Black wheels with red brake calipers. The Black pack, for SE hatchbacks, adds 16-inch wheels, power/heated exterior mirrors, an optional body kit, and blacked-out exterior elements. Four new colors are added: Shadow Black, Kona Blue, Electric Spice, and White Platinum. **Driver's Choice** The ST for maximum fun per dollar.

Base Engine 1.6L/120-hp/112-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.0L/123-hp/148-lb-ft turbo I-3; 1.6L/197-hp/202-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Big fun and good looks from Ford's subcompact.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 26-31/35-43 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.4-9.5 sec



Ford Focus/Electric/RS (2017)

Base Price \$18,000-\$31,000* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

MAJOR The Ford Focus RS (pictured) will make its way across the pond, likely as a 2017 model with more than 315 hp, AWD, a drift mode, and a six-speed manual transmission. Although this is the third generation of the RS model globally, it will be the first time it's available here. The 2016 Focus line gains the latest Sync 3 infotainment system and two new colors (Shadow Black and Kona Blue). **Driver's Choice** The RS is nearly here. Learn to drive a manual if you can't, as an automatic will not be an option.

Base Engine 2.0L/160-hp/146-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.0L/123-hp/123-lb-ft turbo I-3; 2.0L/252-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4; 143-hp/184-lb-ft electric; 2.3L/320-hp/320-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; 6-sp twin-cl auto; 1A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-30/30-42 mpg; 110/99 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 4.9-9.5 sec* | From all-electric to 315+ hp and AWD, there's a Focus for every type of enthusiast.

Ford Fusion/Energi

Base Price \$21,802-\$34,725 **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Fusion sees minor trim level changes and gets redesigned center-stack buttons and a refreshed lower instrument panel. Hybrid models obtain an EcoSelect button that trades climate control and throttle response for efficiency. New Cold Weather and S Appearance packages are added, and the SE Appearance and SE Luxury packages add 18-inch Ebony Black wheels. Shadow Black is a new exterior color option. **Look For** The Fusion to get refreshed in the next two model years.

Base Engine 2.5L/175-hp/170-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.5L/181-hp/185-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/240-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L I-4 + elec, 188-195-hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-44/31-41 mpg; 95/81 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 6.8-9.0 sec* | A full range of attractive midsize options from Ford.





EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-22/25-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.2-7.5 sec*

Ford Taurus

Base Price \$28,000-\$41,500* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Taurus gains a new exterior color: Shadow Black. While we wait another year for a new model, the Chinese-spec Taurus shows the next-gen car's styling coming in line with the Fusion, and rear-seat luxury takes a leap forward. At least for Chinese buyers, the rear seats now sport power reclining adjustment, lumbar support, a massage function, and a center console with controls for HVAC, seat adjustments, and car media. **Look For** The next-gen Taurus to have a more upscale look and lots more interior space.

The chauffeur special across the Pacific portends more luxury and technology for the big Ford.

Base Engine 3.5L/288-hp/254-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 2.0L/240-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4; 3.5L/365-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%



MPG KING
HYBRID
FAMILY SEDAN

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-50/28-45 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.4-7.6 sec

Honda Accord

Base Price \$23,000-\$36,000* **Body Type** Sedan, coupe

MAJOR The Accord gets refreshed with new front and rear fascias, more LED exterior lighting, and new wheel designs for all trims for 2016. (The 2015 model is pictured.) The Honda Sensing suite of active safety tech will add more features, as well. A Touring trim level has arrived for the Coupe, and more premium features will be available on both body styles. The Accord's plug-in model will be discontinued. **Cool Fact** The Accord is still the midsize sedan fuel economy champion in non-plug-in form.

One of the best mainstream examples of sport and practicality balanced properly.

Base Engine 2.4L/185-189-hp/181-182-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 3.5L/278-hp/251-252-lb-ft V-6; 2.0L I-4 + elec, 196 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



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EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24-31/32-41 mpg* 0-60 mph: 5.5-8.7 sec*

Honda Civic

Base Price \$19,000-\$30,000* **Body Type** Sedan, coupe, hatchback

ALL-NEW The 10th gen is here. Styling is a dramatic departure from the previous model, and the two-tier dashboard is gone. Power comes from a direct-injected, 2.0-liter I-4 or a turbocharged, 1.5-liter I-4 mated to a CVT or a six-speed manual. The Honda Sensing suite of active safety and driver assistance technology will also be available, likely making this the safest Civic yet. **Look For** A four-door hatch and Type-R after the sedan and coupe.

The compact segment heats up with big changes for a well-recognized nameplate.

Base Engine 2.0L/150-hp/140-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engines 1.5L/201-hp/192-lb-ft turbo I-4*; 2.0L/306-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Honda CR-Z

Base Price \$21,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR The Honda CR-Z gets exterior styling updates that will likely include a new grille and fascia this year. (The 2015 model is pictured.) Inside, the CR-Z now gets the latest Honda Display Audio system, hands-free keyless entry/start, LaneWatch, an electronic parking brake, a new center console, and a new armrest. The rest is the same familiar hybrid, which remains fun to drive and incredibly efficient. **Best Buy** Any CR-Z with LaneWatch, a convenient addition with the hatchback's restricted sightlines.

The sporty hybrid hatchback gets a new lease on life and more content.

Base Engine 1.5L I-4 + elec, 130 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

Honda Fit

Base Price \$16,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED An all-new Honda Fit was introduced just last year, so the subcompact hatch doesn't receive any changes for 2016. The Fit is a surprisingly roomy and efficient compact hatchback—it can even accommodate a surfboard in one of the cargo configurations. With 39.3 inches of rear legroom and up to 52.7 cubic feet of cargo space, the Fit really does what its name suggests. **Driver's Choice** The six-speed manual is a slick-shifting unit that's more suited to sporty driving than the efficiency-focused CVT.

The back row's Magic Seat really does live up to its name.

Base Engine 1.5L/130-hp/114-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 29-33/37-41 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.9-8.9 sec

Hyundai Accent

Base Price \$16,000-\$18,000* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED After some minor styling tweaks and trim-level changes for 2015, there's not much expected for the Hyundai Accent for 2016. Still, the Accent, especially in four-door hatchback form, is a useful, value-driven subcompact thanks to its roomy interior and generous passenger and cargo space. As with all Hyundais, the Accent's value proposition is strengthened by its lengthy basic and powertrain warranties. **Look For** A new generation of Hyundai's entry-level subcompact sedan and hatch before long.

Aging but still a good choice for the budget-conscious.

Base Engine 1.6L/138-hp/123-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 26-27/37-38 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.8-9.0 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19-20/28-29 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.4 sec

Hyundai Azera

Base Price \$35,000-\$39,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED After receiving some exterior styling tweaks, alloy wheels, and a revised interior for 2015, the Hyundai Azera is expected to remain unchanged for 2016. Slotting between the midsize Sonata and full-size Genesis, the Azera competes with large sedans such as the Toyota Avalon and Buick LaCrosse. The Azera is big on value and comes standard with features such as leather seats, navigation, and an Infinity premium audio system. **Best Buy** Base and Limited trims offer a dizzying array of standard equipment.

Base Engine 3.3L/293-hp/255-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

One of the best values among large sedans.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24-28/33-38 mpg **0-60 mph:** 7.8-9.6 sec*

Hyundai Elantra/Elantra GT

Base Price \$18,075-\$22,525 **Body Style** Sedan, hatchback

MINOR A new Value Edition sedan comes standard with a sunroof, hands-free entry/start, and heated front seats. Leather seats and the sunroof leave the standard equipment list in the Sport trim, which starts at a lower price point. Limited sedans now come standard with hands-free keyless entry/start and dual-zone climate control. The refreshed Elantra GT hatch now offers ventilated front seats and navigation with Apple Siri integration. **Cool Fact** The Elantra GT hatchback is called the i30 in Europe.

Base Engine 1.8L/145-hp/130-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/173-hp/154-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

A value-driven proposition with plenty of appeal.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15/23 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.5 sec

Hyundai Equus

Base Price \$62,450 **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED Hyundai's flagship luxury sedan gains a hands-free smart trunk that automatically opens in the range-topping Ultimate trim level. The Equus offers a 7-inch or 12.3-inch TFT cluster display, a Lexicon premium audio system, navigation with a 9.2-inch screen, heated and cooled front seats, heated rear seats, and acoustic laminated windshield and windows. **Cool Fact** Hyundai dealers can come to you when your Equus is due for service, dropping off a loaner car while your vehicle is out of action.

Base Engine 5.0L/429-hp/376-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 37%

The value-driven full-size luxury car.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-18/23-29 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.2-6.3 sec

Hyundai Genesis

Base Price \$39,000-\$53,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Hyundai Genesis sedan was all-new for 2015, and not much is expected to change for the 2016 model year. Interior updates on the 2015 Genesis have put the car squarely in BMW 5 Series territory, though the German is quicker and more efficient. All-wheel drive is available on models with the V-6 engine. The Genesis was a finalist in 2015 *Motor Trend* Car of the Year testing. **Cool Fact** Hyundai's Fluidic Sculpture 2.0 design language first made its debut on the second-generation Genesis sedan.

Base Engine 3.8L/311-hp/293-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 5.0L/420-hp/383-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

More convincing as a luxury sedan than ever before.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/24-25 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 5.0-5.4 sec*

Hyundai Genesis Coupe

Base Price \$27,000-\$35,000* **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED Hyundai discontinued the turbo-four variant of the Genesis Coupe in 2015. For 2016, the Genesis Coupe is expected to remain unchanged. It's a good value that features plenty of standard equipment and a 10-year/100,000-mile powertrain warranty. Ultimate models combine the performance options from the R-Spec with convenience features such as navigation, a premium audio system, and parking sensors. **Look For** A more upscale next-generation Genesis Coupe and possibly an optional V-8.

Base Engine 3.8L/348-hp/295-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Cheap, value-driven speed.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-40/31-44 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 7.8-9.5 sec*

Hyundai Sonata/Plug-In

Base Price \$22,500-\$38,500* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR A year after the gas-powered Sonatas debuted, the hybrid and plug-in hybrid follow for 2016. The Sonata Hybrid offers up to 44 mpg on the highway. The new powertrain used in the hybrid models is an evolution of the previous-gen model that has been improved for better fuel economy and a more natural driving feel. The Sonata Limited offers a panoramic sunroof and cooled front seats, features not commonly available on midsize sedans. **Avoid** The 2.0-liter turbo-four because it's not significantly quicker than the 2.4-liter model.

Base Engine 2.4L/185-hp/178-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.6L/178-hp/195-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/245-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L I-4 + elec, 193-202 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

High-quality vanilla.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25-28/33-36 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.9-8.8 sec*

Hyundai Veloster

Base Price \$19,000-\$27,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR Hyundai's odd little hatchback adds a Rally Edition, and the six-speed automatic in Turbo models has been replaced by a new seven-speed dual-clutch unit. Inside, The Veloster has a revised infotainment system featuring Siri Eyes-Free and two-tone interior upholstery; the Turbo also adds seats with improved bolstering. Cars with the optional 18-inch wheels now come with wider tires. **Best Buy** The turbo models with the dual-clutch automatic have the best balance of fuel economy and power.

Base Engine 1.6L/132-hp/120-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/201-hp/195-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6-sp twin-cl auto; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

Getting sportier one refresh at a time.



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EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24-26/33-38 mpg* 0-60 mph: 6.5 sec*

Infiniti Q30 (2017)

Base Price \$33,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW We expect to see the Q30 hatchback alongside the taller QX30 crossover next year. Both models will be based on the same Mercedes-Benz platform we've already experienced with the attractive CLA-Class. The Q30, which should eliminate the need for Infiniti's current base model, the Q40 sedan, will likely be powered by a 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 paired with a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic, possibly with available AWD. **Cool Fact** The Q30's development was overseen by former Infiniti/Redbull F1 champ Sebastian Vettel.

Base Engine 2.0L/208-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD*
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles

Infiniti jumps back into the entry-level luxury game with help from Mercedes.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19-29/27-36 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.2-5.5 sec*

Infiniti Q50

Base Price \$35,500-\$46,500* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The Q50 enters its third year of production without major changes. The 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 sold in Europe and China is expected to make its way into the Q50, likely as a base engine. For those who insist on more power, expect a turbocharged replacement for the VQ series of V-6 engines in the next couple model years. The Q50 is also offered in V-6 hybrid form with lots of power and good fuel economy. **Best Buy** Make the most of the non-hybrid Q50 with the dealer-installed sport exhaust option.

Base Engine 2.0L/211-hp/236-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 3.7L/328-hp/269-lb-ft V-6;
 3.5L V-6 + elec, 360 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 7A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

A luxury sedan? A sport sedan? The Q50 is suffering a bit of an identity crisis.



CONCEPT CAR

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 20/29 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.8 sec*

Infiniti Q60 (2017)

Base Price \$43,000-\$63,000* **Body Type** Coupe

ALL-NEW A new two-door is on the way to replace the Q60, which was introduced for the 2008 model year as the G37. We expect the 2017 Q60 to introduce a twin-turbo, 3.0-liter V-6 good for at least 350 horsepower. The Q60 concept featured a mix of aluminum and carbon fiber, which should mean significant weight reduction on the production model. There will be no 2016 model-year Q60, but don't be surprised if a convertible model follows the coupe's debut. **Look For** The Q60 to bow in the summer of 2016.

Base Engine 3.0L/350-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6*
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 7A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles

The Infiniti Coupe takes a season off to bulk up and slim down.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-29/23-34 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.6-5.5 sec

Infiniti Q70/L

Base Price \$51,000-\$66,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Q70 had a big year last year, literally, with the introduction of the long wheelbase version that adds 5.9 inches to the car's wheelbase. The LWB also gained more sound deadening and active noise control, making it the quietest Q70 yet. A hybrid is available above the base V-6, but performance-oriented buyers should head straight for the 5.6-liter V-8 at the top of the Q70's range. **Cool Fact** The longer wheelbase Q70 is available with the V-6 and V-8 engines, but not the V-6 hybrid.

Base Engine 3.7L/330-hp/270-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 3.5L V-6 + elec, 360 hp;
 5.6L/416-420-hp/414-417-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 7A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

Whatever the combination, there's always an extra helping of sport.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-19/23-28 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.6-5.0 sec*

Jaguar F-Type/F-Type R

Base Price \$65,995-\$107,445 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR The F-Type takes the fight directly to the Porsche 911 with a stylish exterior and catlike reflexes on the road. A six-speed manual is now available with the rear-drive V-6 models, and AWD is standard on the R model and optional on the S variants. Range-topping R variants provide the best performance and come with a distinctive engine roar for the driver's listening pleasure. **Cool Fact** The base 3.0-liter, supercharged V-6 is derived from the V-8 used in all of Jaguar's R and R-S models.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engines 3.0L/380-hp/339-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6;
 5.0L/550-hp/502-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

A svelte cat with a sexy exterior and sharpened claws.



Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engines 2.0L/180-hp/317-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-30/25-40 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.9-7.4 sec*

The new cat has its eyes on the prey and is ready to pounce on a certain Bavarian.

Jaguar XE (2017) **Base Price** \$37,000-\$50,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW A new entry into the compact luxury sport sedan mix, the XE promises plenty of driving enjoyment and has the BMW 3 Series in its sights. The car will be available with all-wheel-drive, a diesel engine, and two gas engines when it goes on sale in 2016. A new infotainment system, aluminum-intensive chassis, "Integral Link" rear suspension, and electric power steering will be introduced in the XE. **Look For** A six-speed manual and the brilliant ZF eight-speed automatic to handle the shifting duties.



Jaguar XF

Base Price \$48,500-\$58,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW Weighing 132 to 265 pounds less than its predecessor, the new XF is a promising midsize luxury sports sedan. Featuring independent suspension in all four corners and configurable drive modes, the driver can alter the car's driving dynamics by tailoring the throttle mapping, steering feel, and transmission shift points. The familiar supercharged, 3.0-liter six-cylinder will come in two flavors at launch. **Look For** A new infotainment system with a 10.2-inch touchscreen and InControl Apps functionality.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/380-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 38%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-18/27-28 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.8-5.3 sec*

Familiar face, all-new underneath.



Jaguar XJ/XJR

Base Price \$76,000-\$120,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The 2016 XJ gets exterior and interior styling tweaks to keep it competitive. A new infotainment system featuring Jaguar Land Rover's InControl Touch system on an 8-inch capacitive touchscreen is one of the key changes in the XJ's multimedia interface and has an optional Wi-Fi hotspot. Powertrain choices will remain the same, with either a supercharged V-6 or V-8 paired to an eight-speed automatic. **Driver's Choice** The 550-horsepower XJR is a bargain full-size performance luxury sedan with reflexes that belie its size.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engine 5.0L/470-550-hp/424-502-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 37%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-18/23-27 mpg* 0-60 mph: 3.7-6.1 sec*

Proof that size and agility aren't mutually exclusive.



Kia Cadenza

Base Price \$36,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED One of the most upscale front-drive large sedans also happens to be one of the best values in its segment; the Cadenza offers a long list of standard features and a comfortable, well-built cabin. Nappa leather upholstery and a panoramic sunroof are available in the Limited trim, and navigation with an 8-inch touchscreen, a 550-watt Infinity audio system, and a rearview camera are standard in the base Premium model. **Cool Fact** The Cadenza's V-6 engine is shared with the Sorento crossover and Sedona minivan.

Base Engine 3.3L/293-hp/255-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19/28 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.2 sec

Luxury and value in a single package.



Kia Forte/Forte5/Koup

Base Price \$17,000-\$22,000* **Body Type** Sedan, coupe, hatch

UNCHANGED The Kia Forte continues to offer great value in most of its available variants. Aimed directly at the Honda Civic, the Forte comes with an array of standard and available features that includes navigation and a cooled driver's seat. Those looking for a Civic Si alternative should consider the turbocharged Forte Koup SX, which comes with a sport-tuned suspension as standard. **Look For** A face-lifted model in the near future and possibly a seven-speed twin-clutch automatic replacing the current six-speed automatic.

Base Engine 1.8L/145-hp/130-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/173-hp/154-lb-ft I-4; 1.6L/201-hp/195-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-26/29-39 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.7-9.2 sec*

Value and features galore.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15/23 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.5 sec

Kia K900

Base Price \$56,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED A new selection of leather upholstery options was added midway through the 2015 model year, as was a new sub-\$60,000 model. Significant changes aren't expected for the K900, which offers good value against established German and Japanese competitors when features and interior space are more important than fuel economy or performance. An entry-level V-6 model could arrive in a couple model years. **Avoid** Taking corners too enthusiastically; the K900 is more cruiser than canyon carver.

More Town Car than S-Class.

Base Engine 5.0L/420-hp/376-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 39%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-28/31-38 mpg* 0-60 mph: 7.8-8.4 sec*

Kia Optima

Base Price \$23,000-\$37,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW The 2016 Optima is refined and more upscale, featuring quilted leather in higher trim levels and a new infotainment system with Android Auto and Apple CarPlay integration. An entire slew of safety aids includes adaptive cruise control, autonomous emergency braking, blind-spot warning, and a 360-degree camera system. Kia says that the new Optima, with lower noise, vibration, and harshness levels and a stiffer chassis, is quieter and better to drive. **Look For** A new Optima hybrid to arrive in the next year.

More sophisticated and still as good-looking as the previous generation.

Base Engine 2.4L/185-hp/178-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.6L/178-hp/195-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/247-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27-28/37-38 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.9-8.9 sec

Kia Rio/Rio 5-Door

Base Price \$15,000-\$19,500* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

MINOR A lightly refreshed exterior featuring updated front and rear fascias and a revised grille makes up the most notable change to the Rio lineup. Interior enhancements include black cloth and gray leatherette two-tone interior upholstery in EX models with the Designer package. Noise, vibration, and harshness has also been reduced through the addition of more high-density foam in the car's A- and B-pillars. **Best Buy** The hatchback is the most practical and has 49.8 cubic feet of space with the rear seats folded down.

Still the same bubbly econobox that gets commuters from A to B.

Base Engine 1.6L/138-hp/123-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 24/30-31 mpg; 120/92 mpg-e 0-60 mph: 8.3-10.0 sec*

Kia Soul/Soul EV

Base Price \$17,000-\$36,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED Kia's quirky hamster-mobile is expected to remain unchanged with the same funky exterior and a generous array of standard and optional equipment. The range-topping Exclaim trim is available with features such as heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, navigation with an 8-inch touchscreen, HID headlights, an Infinity premium audio system, and a panoramic sunroof. **Avoid** The base 1.6-liter I-4 because stepping up to the more powerful 164-hp, 2.0-liter I-4 doesn't come at the cost of fuel economy.

The most fun-loving box on wheels ever. Rodents not included.

Base Engine 1.6L/130-hp/118-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/164-hp/151-lb-ft I-4; 109-hp/210-lb-ft electric
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A; 1A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 10-11/17-18 mpg 0-60 mph: 2.8 sec

Lamborghini Aventador

Base Price \$400,995-\$493,095 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR The LP 750-4 Superveloce debuts with more power (49 additional horses), 110 pounds less weight, and even more cachet and carbon fiber than the regular Aventador. This is the quintessential raging bull supercar: fast, loud, boldly styled, and powered by a paddle-shifted V-12 that sits behind the driver and lucky passenger. **Cool Fact** In the spirit of reducing weight, the Superveloce's floor mats are just aluminum plates covered with grip tape. The SV brings the power of the exclusive Veneno to the "masses."

The Aventador SV widens the gap between the exuberant Huracán and Sant'Agata's best.

Base Engine 6.5L/691-hp/509-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine 6.5L/740-hp/509-lb-ft V-12*
Drivetrain Mid-engine, AWD
Transmission 7-sp auto-cl manual
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14/20 mpg 0-60 mph: 2.8-3.0 sec*

Lamborghini Huracán

Base Price \$243,000* **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED As the saying goes, "If it ain't broken ..." For 2016 the Huracán remains unchanged. The Huracán LP 620-2 Super Trofeo is a racing Huracán that gets a modest power bump (up 10 hp), more aggressive aerodynamics, an extreme weight reduction (down 335 pounds), and a conversion from AWD to RWD. The race car debuted in the one-make 2015 Lamborghini Blancpain Super Trofeo series in North America, Europe, and Asia. **Look For** The Ad Personam program to make your Huracán truly one of a kind.

The everyday supercar spent a month camping and grocery shopping with us.

Base Engine 5.2L/602-hp/413-lb-ft V-10
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, AWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles


**MPG KING
HYBRID ENTRY
LUXURY CAR**
EPA Econ City/Hwy: 43/40 mpg **0-60 mph:** 10.1 sec

Lexus CT

Base Price \$33,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED The entry-level hybrid hatchback from Lexus gets a new chrome grille surround and a few option changes. The previously standard moonroof is now optional, and the available Lexus Enform infotainment system gets a connectivity upgrade. Via an iOS or Android smartphone, owners can now lock/unlock the doors, start/stop the engine, and adjust the HVAC system. **Look For** Another entry-level luxury four-door if you value quick acceleration more than the CT 200h's 43/40 mpg city/highway.

Base Engine 1.8L I-4 + elec, 134 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Proof that you can look good while sipping fuel.


**MPG KING
HYBRID
LUXURY CAR**
EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-40/31-39 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 6.0-7.6 sec

Lexus ES

Base Price \$39,000-\$42,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The refreshed Lexus ES gets new LED headlights, a semi-integrated dual exhaust (ES 350), a new taillight design, and a new spindle grille. Inside, you'll find a new steering wheel, a 4.2-inch multi-information display, the latest Enform infotainment system, and a host of material/color revisions. A panoramic roof is now available with all packages. A V-6 and I-4 hybrid continue on as powertrain options. **Cool Fact** With 40 inches of rear-seat legroom, the ES is roomier than the short-wheelbase LS.

Base Engine 3.5L/268-hp/248-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 2.5L I-4 + elec, 200 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

One of the roomiest midsize sedans in the segment.


EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-29/25-34 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 4.3-6.0 sec*

Lexus GS/GS F

Base Price \$50,000-\$75,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The GS F makes its debut with the same 467-hp V-8 that's in the RC F. The second F model currently offered gets aggressive styling and a host of advanced technology, but it eschews adaptive suspension and variable-ratio steering for a more old-school approach. Elsewhere in the GS lineup, the V-6 is offered with RWD and AWD, and a more expensive RWD GS 450h hybrid offers decent performance and good fuel economy. **Driver's Choice** GS F for a luxury sport sedan with a snarling RC F heart.

Base Engine 3.5L/306-hp/277-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 3.5L V-6 + elec, 338 hp;
5.0L/467-hp/389-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; 8A; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

Lexus injects even more sport into its lineup.


EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19-22/26-30 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 5.3-7.0 sec*

Lexus IS

Base Price \$37,500-\$45,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR We expect the IS to debut later this year with the latest Enform infotainment system. Say goodbye to the base model's 2.5-liter V-6, which is likely to make way for the turbocharged, 2.0-liter I-4 with 235 hp and 258 lb-ft of torque that was introduced on the NX 200t last year. Better fuel economy and more power on a popular model is a win-win for Lexus. The IS C convertible has been discontinued. **Driver's Choice** An IS 200t F Sport would be a lighter and better-balanced car than the IS 350 F Sport we enjoyed.

Base Engine 2.0/235-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engine 3.5L/306-hp/277-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

Powertrain updates will match the IS' performance with its aggressive and sporty styling.


EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-19/23-24 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.6-5.9 sec

Lexus LS

Base Price \$74,000-\$121,500* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The Lexus LS gains the latest Enform infotainment system, optional run-flat summer tires, and additional body adhesive for enhanced body rigidity. Owners can now do more with their iOS and Android smartphones, such as lock/unlock the LS and adjust the HVAC settings. Atomic Silver is a new exterior color option, and Eminent White Pearl replaces Starfire Pearl. **Cool Fact** The Shimamoku Espresso steering wheel takes a craftsman 38 days and 67 different steps to make.

Base Engine 4.6L/360-386-hp/347-367-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 5.0L V-8 + elec, 438 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 8A; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

Still competent but in need of a full update to match the German competition.


EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-22/25-30 mpg* **0-60 mph:** 4.3-6.2 sec*

Lexus RC/RC F

Base Price \$42,000-\$64,000* **Body Type** Coupe

MINOR After its 2015 debut, we expect minor changes for the RC and RC F in 2016. The most anticipated change is the addition of the 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 from the NX 200t to power a base model. Otherwise, it's business as usual, with orange brake calipers, a limited-slip differential available on RC 350 F Sport models, and the latest Enform infotainment system. Eminent White Pearl replaces Starfire Pearl as an exterior color option. **Look For** A replacement for the aging 3.5-liter V-6 to make its debut before long.

Base Engine 2.0L/235-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 3.5L/306-hp/277-lb-ft V-6;
5.0L/467-hp/389-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Analog coupe ingredients melded with new-school luxury.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-19/25-28 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.2-7.0 sec

Lincoln MKS

Base Price \$40,000-\$46,500* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED Although all of the excitement over at Lincoln has been surrounding the return of the Continental nameplate, expect the MKS to stick around until a production version of the stunning concept arrives. The MKS is powered by a 3.7-liter, 304-hp V-6 with FWD and AWD. We'd recommend the 365-hp, 3.5-liter, twin-turbo V-6 that's paired with AWD and comes without a significant mpg penalty relative to the 3.7-liter with AWD. **Avoid** Buying the MKS when the new Continental is just around the corner.

Base Engine 3.7L/304-hp/279-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.5L/365-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 37%

The upcoming Continental promises to revitalize the top end of Lincoln's lineup.



MPG KING
HYBRID
LUXURY CAR

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-41/24-39 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.5-8.8 sec

Lincoln MKZ

Base Price \$36,085-\$37,975 **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The striking Fusion-based MKZ will remain essentially the same for 2016. The retractable panoramic roof is still gloriously excessive and adds the sense of occasion you want from a luxury car, though the MKZ is slower than competitive models from the Lexus ES line. Expect a revised MKZ with styling in line with the Continental concept to debut in a couple years. **Cool Fact** If your MKZ feels too much like a Fusion inside, the Black Label program (concierge service, complimentary car washes) can help with that.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L I-4 + elec, 188 hp;
 3.7L/300-hp/277-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 35%

A stylish alternative to the Lexus ES.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-17/24 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.6-5.5 sec*

Maserati Ghibli

Base Price \$71,000-80,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The Ghibli S, a second rear-drive variant featuring the same engine and transmission as the Ghibli S Q4, has been added to the lineup for 2016. Blind-spot warning, a hands-free trunk closer, and a 900-watt Harman Kardon premium audio system are new options. Customization options include contrast stitching with the Maserati trident logo on the headrests and an array of interior accents including wood and carbon fiber. **Cool Fact** The Ghibli's twin-turbo V-6 is shared with the Quattroporte full-size sedan.

Base Engine 3.0L/345-hp/369-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/404-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

The Italian alternative to German midsize luxury sedans.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13/20-21 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.3-5.1 sec*

Maserati GranTurismo/Convertible

Base Price \$137,000-165,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

UNCHANGED Maserati's four-seat grand tourer isn't expected to get any updates. The sweet-sounding 444-454-hp, 4.7-liter V-8 remains the only engine available and is paired exclusively to a six-speed automatic. There's also an extensive list of personalization options, enabling buyers to customize the car to their liking. **Cool Fact** A special edition model announced in July 2014, called the Centennial Edition, includes unique exterior/interior color combinations, alloy wheels, and carbon-fiber accents.

Base Engine 4.7L/444-454-hp/376-384-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 6A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Classic Italian design and aural drama at its best.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-16/22-23 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.5-4.7 sec*

Maserati Quattroporte

Base Price \$105,000-145,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED A limited Ermenegildo Zegna Edition was released for 2015 with a production run of 100 cars. Based on the range-topping Quattroporte GTS, the Zegna Edition adds a healthy dose of luxury, featuring silk and leather upholstery in brown and beige and real wood accents. A 19-piece accessory set comes with the purchase of a Quattroporte Zegna Edition. **Cool Fact** The Quattroporte's V-6 is assembled by Ferrari in Maranello, Italy, with blocks cast in Indiana and then machined in Michigan before finished across the Atlantic.

Base Engine 3.0L/404-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 3.8L/523-hp/524-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Full-size luxury motoring done the Italian way.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25-30/35-41 mpg **0-60 mph:** 7.3-8.2 sec

Mazda3

Base Price \$18,000-\$27,000* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED Essentially a carryover from the previous model year for 2016, the Mazda3 continues to be one of the best driver's cars of the compact segment. The Mazda3 features a stylish exterior design, engaging driving dynamics, and top-of-the-class fuel efficiency. Higher trims punch above their weight with lots of upscale features, but both body styles have a slightly cramped rear seat. **Driver's Choice** Mazda3s with the 2.5-liter I-4 provide the best performance and handling without sacrificing fuel economy.

Base Engine 2.0L/155-hp/150-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.5L/184-hp/185-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Jack of all trades and master of nearly all of them.

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Base Engine 2.0L/155-hp/148-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27/34-36 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.8 sec

Mazda's *jinba ittai* (horse and rider as one) philosophy in its purest form.

Mazda MX-5 Miata

Base Price \$25,735-\$31,185 **Body Type** Convertible

ALL-NEW Now featuring the full suite of Skyactiv technologies, the redesigned Mazda MX-5 Miata is more efficient and fun to drive. Handling remains its forte thanks to a well-tuned chassis and responsive steering. New tech features such as the MazdaConnect infotainment and blind-spot warning systems are now available. A hard-top variant hasn't yet been announced. **Cool Fact** At less than 2,500 pounds, the new MX-5 is one of the lightest vehicles sold in the U.S.



Mazda6

Base Price \$22,315-\$31,015 **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The MazdaConnect infotainment system finally arrives on the new '6 along with some minor exterior tweaks. The interior has been thoroughly revamped and now features a clean, upscale look with a new infotainment screen and dash. The head-up display that first debuted in the 2014 Mazda3 is now available in the '6, and a six-speed manual remains an option in the Sport and Touring trims. **Driver's Choice** Among midsize sedans, the Mazda6 is one of the most fuel-efficient and engaging to drive.

Base Engine 2.5L/184-hp/185-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 Stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25-28/37-40 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.3-8.0 sec

Still waiting for that diesel engine.



McLaren 570S

Base Price \$188,000* **Body Type** Coupe

ALL-NEW The 570S will undercut the 650S by nearly \$100,000, but with 562 hp and a manufacturer-estimated 0-124 mph time of 9.5 seconds, it sure won't feel like an entry-level model. The 570S makes do without the active aero bits and pricey tech of the 650S and was developed with an eye toward ergonomic practicality. A less powerful 540C model isn't coming to the U.S. because of high demand for the 570S model. **Cool Fact** The 570S has a carbon-fiber tub with narrow sills to ease ingress and egress.

Base Engine 3.8L/562-hp/443-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/22 mpg* 0-60 mph: 3.1 sec*

The everyday McLaren.



McLaren 650S/675LT

Base Price \$288,000-\$353,200* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR The new 675LT has 25 more horsepower, 40 percent more downforce, and about 220 fewer pounds than the 650S. The 650S now standardizes a number of carbon-fiber accents that were extra last year: splitter, rear bumper, side skirts, side intakes, mirror casings, and interior trim pieces. With the new 570S joining the lineup, the more powerful 650S/675LT are distinguished by active aerodynamic elements and variable suspension tuning. **Driver's Choice** Definitely the 675LT for track-day aficionados.

Base Engine 3.8L/641-hp/500-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine 3.8L/666-hp/516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/unlimited miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/22 mpg 0-60 mph: 2.8-3.0 sec

The technological tour de force in the McLaren stable.

COMPARISON
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Mercedes-AMG GT/GT S

Base Price \$122,825*-\$130,825 **Body Type** Coupe

ALL-NEW Despite the GT in its name, AMG's newest creation is a visceral sports car, not a cushy grand tourer. Armed with a hand-built 4.0-liter, twin-turbo V-8 and a seven-speed twin-clutch automatic transmission, the AMG GT is ready to do battle with the Porsche 911, Jaguar F-Type, and Nissan GT-R. The 456-hp base GT will arrive in spring 2016; the 503-hp GT S went on sale earlier this year. **Cool Fact** The AMG GT is built on a shortened version of the aluminum-intensive architecture used in the SLS AMG.

Base Engine 4.0L/456-hp/443-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Opt Engine 4.0L/503-hp/479-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/22 mpg* 0-60 mph: 3.5-3.7 sec*

The SLS AMG's son has a sledgehammer in one hand and the Porsche 911 in its sights.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 85/82 mpg-e **0-60 mph:** 6.5 sec

Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive

Base Price \$42,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR The zero-emission B-Class Electric Drive, also known as the B250e, might sport a slightly improved version of the 28-kW-hr battery that on the 2015 model sends electrons to a 177-hp electric motor driving the front wheels. Despite lacking a DC charger, the B-Class can add 60 miles of range in just two hours at typical public charging stations. **Cool Fact** The B-Class has a radar-based regenerative braking system that senses slowing traffic and regenerates more aggressively while slowing the car down.

Base Motor 177-hp/251-lb-ft electric*
Opt Motor None
Drivetrain Front motor, FWD
Transmission 1A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

The zero-tailpipe-emissions Mercedes with Tesla engineering.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-27/25-38 mpg*; Not Yet Rated (C350e) **0-60 mph:** 4.0-7.5 sec* | S-Class style and AMG torque take the fight to BMW.

Mercedes-Benz C-Class/C350 Plug-In/C63 S

Base Price \$39,500*-\$73,625 **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The C450 AMG 4Matic replaces the C400 4Matic model for 2016 after last year's introduction of the AMG C63 and C63 S sedans. A C350 Plug-In with a 208-hp turbo-four mated to an 80-hp electric motor and an estimated 20-mile EV-only range is also new this year. Arriving early in 2016, a C300d 4Matic model will combine a turbodiesel-four with all-wheel drive. **Look For** The C-Class Coupe to debut with styling cues from the magnificent S-Class Coupe.

Base Engine 2.0L/241-hp/273-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.1L/195-hp/369-lb-ft t-diesel I-4*; 3.0L/362-hp/384-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 2.0L turbo I-4 + elec, 275 hp; 4.0L 469-503-hp/479-516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 7A; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-26/31-38 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.2-6.3 sec

Mercedes-Benz CLA-Class/CLA45 AMG

Base Price \$32,500-\$50,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The CLA-Class enters its third year of production with a 750-unit "Edition: Orange" model for front- and all-wheel-drive CLA250s. A selective damping system and a Night package are new options, and the available ambient lighting now comes with what Mercedes calls a "welcome light show." Those who stick with the MB Tex upholstery in black and gray will now find a new contrast stitching color. **Avoid** Expecting to leave the dealership without at least a few thousand dollars' worth of options.

Base Engine 2.0L/208-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/355-hp/332-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmission 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

Swoopy styling in an entry-level luxury package.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16-20/22-30 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.4-5.4 sec*

Mercedes-Benz CLS-Class/CLS63 S

Base Price \$67,825-\$108,725 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The all-wheel-drive CLS550 4Matic now gets a nine-speed automatic like the rear-drive CLS550 model. The CLS400 was introduced last year, providing better fuel efficiency yet still possessing more than enough power—329 hp from a twin-turbo, 3.0-liter V-6—for most drivers. New safety tech added last year also makes the CLS an excellent daily driver, as it can now nearly drive itself down the freeway in stop-and-go traffic. **Driver's Choice** The CLS63 S if you want to scare your three passengers.

Base Engine 3.0L/329-hp/354-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engines 4.7L/402-hp/443-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 5.5L/577-hp/590-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 7A; 9A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 40%

After BMW and Audi followed suit, there's no denying that coupelike sedans are here to stay.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-20/26-29 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.4-6.5 sec*

Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupe/Cabriolet

Base Price \$55,125-\$69,625 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

UNCHANGED The two-door E-Class line was simplified for 2015, resulting in just two engine choices: twin-turbo V-6 or V-8. Although the AMG touch is conspicuous in its absence on the two-door E-Class, it's fitting that the model skips the sedan's base gas-powered, 3.5-liter V-6. The convertible's top still goes down in just 20 seconds, and the Aircarf neck-level heater will make top-down motoring comfortable no matter the season. **Cool Fact** The E-Class Cabriolet is currently the only Benz convertible with a soft top.

Base Engine 3.0L/329-hp/354-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 4.7L/402-hp/443-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 7A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

A comfort-oriented Benz without the AMG touch.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-28/21-42 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.4-7.5 sec

Mercedes-Benz E-Class Sedan/Wagon

Base Price \$53,575-\$105,225 **Body Type** Sedan, wagon

UNCHANGED Surprise, surprise: E63 drivers tend to go for the more powerful S model; the non-S trim has been discontinued. If you couldn't care less about 0-60 mph times, the E250 BlueTec is efficient and luxurious. Although the AMG E63 S is an autobahn burner, the E400 has a "just right" balance of power, luxury, and economy. And for lead-footed wagon lovers with cash to spare, Mercedes-AMG keeps the flame alive with the special-order E63 S wagon. **Look For** The next-gen E-Class to debut before long.

Base Engine 2.1L/195-hp/369-lb-ft t-diesel I-4
Opt Engines 3.5L/302-hp/273-lb-ft V-6; 3.5L V-6 + elec, 329 hp; 3.0L/329-hp/354-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 5.5L/577-hp/590-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmission 7A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

There's an E-Class to fit your preferred mix of passengers, packages, and power.

COMPARISON
WINNER


EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13-17/20-26 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.7-5.1 sec*

Mercedes-Benz S-Class Sedan/Coupe

Base Price \$96,575-\$234,975 **Body Type** Sedan, coupe

MAJOR The new S550 plug-in hybrid, the S550e, rolls out to California and a few other states with the same price as the rear-wheel-drive S550 model. The Driver Assistance package now throws in Speed Limit Assist on the sedan and coupe. The Bentley-challenging Mercedes-Maybach S600 is new for 2016. When the S-Class is equipped with the full active safety suite, the cars can very nearly drive themselves on the highway. **Look For** Inductive charging and self-parking on future S-Class plug-in hybrids.

Base Engine 4.7L/449-hp/516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8

Opt Engines 5.5L/577-hp/664-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 3.0L twin-turbo V-6 + elec, 436 hp; 6.0L/523-hp/612-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12; 6.0L/621-hp/738-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD

Transmission 7A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 38%

The luxury sedan king is about to have his sovereignty challenged. How will he fare?

Mercedes-Benz SL-Class/SL65

Base Price \$85,975-\$218,475 **Body Type** Convertible

UNCHANGED The SL550 now makes 449 horsepower instead of last year's pathetic 429 hp, and an SL550-based Mille Miglia 417 Special Edition commemorates the original SL that placed first in the 1955 Mille Miglia race. The 417 comes with Designo Night Black Magno matte paint, red front spoiler, a red trim strip on the rear spoiler, and red brake calipers. Inside, you'll find AMG Line seats and a Nappa leather steering wheel. **Cool Fact** Magic Sky Control lets you admit some sunlight without putting the top down.

Base Engine 3.0L/329-hp/354-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6

Opt Engines 4.7L/449-hp/516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 5.5L/530-577-hp/590-664-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 6.0L/621-hp/738-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD

Transmission 7A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

With the AMG GT crowding the SL from above, this roadster is ready for a redesign.

Mercedes-Benz SLK-Class/SLK55

Base Price \$47,925-\$73,525 **Body Type** Convertible

MINOR The SLK250 has been replaced by the more powerful SLK300 base model, which comes standard with a nine-speed automatic. All seven of you waiting for a manual-transmission Mercedes drop-top may want to consider looking for a 2015 SLK250 with a six-speed still on dealer lots. Also, a blind-spot monitoring system is now available outside the Driver Assistance package. **Look For** A redesigned model to update the styling and renew interest in the premium compact convertible segment.

Base Engine 2.0L/241-hp/273-lb-ft turbo I-4*

Opt Engines 3.5L/302-hp/273-lb-ft V-6; 5.5L/415-hp/398-lb-ft V-8

Drivetrain Front engine, RWD

Transmissions 7A; 9A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

The smallest—yet not quite forgotten—Mercedes convertible.

Mini Clubman

Base Price \$26,000-\$30,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW The Mini Clubman is bigger than ever before and now sports four real doors. A full 10.9 inches longer than the Hardtop 4-Door, the new Clubman will offer turbo I-3 and I-4 powertrains with an available eight-speed auto on the latter. The five-passenger Clubman retains split cargo "barn" doors and offers a head-up display, LED headlights, and a collision and pedestrian warning system that can apply the brakes. **Cool Fact** The Comfort Access option allows you to open the rear split doors without touching the car.

Base Engine 1.5L/134-hp/162-lb-ft turbo I-3

Opt Engine 2.0L/189-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4

Drivetrain Front engine, FWD

Transmissions 6M; 6A; 8A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

The Goldilocks of the four-door Mini lineup?

Mini Hardtop/4-Door

Base Price \$23,000-\$32,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED Mini's Sport package now includes dynamic dampers, and the automaker now pairs its auto-dimming exterior mirrors with auto-dimming interior ones. The window switches have been updated from chrome to piano black, and the Loaded package has been discontinued, leaving the Fully Loaded package. All three-cylinder variants are now categorized as a SULEV instead of last year's ULEV rating. **Avoid** Looking in these pages for Mini Coupe and Roadster listings—the small, fun-to-drive variants have been discontinued.

Base Engine 1.5L/134-hp/162-lb-ft turbo I-3

Opt Engine 2.0L/189-228-hp/207-236-lb-ft turbo I-4

Drivetrain Front engine, FWD

Transmissions 6M; 6A

Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 4 stars

IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Still a great, quirky, fun hatchback if you can handle the rough ride.

Mitsubishi i-MiEV

Base Price \$23,845 **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR The 2016 Mitsubishi i-MiEV is now available with a navigation system featuring a 7-inch touchscreen and Bluetooth. A Level 3 DC quick charger can replenish the i-MiEV's battery to 80 percent in less than 30 minutes; with a Level 2 charging system, though, it takes seven hours for the battery to reach a complete charge. On a single charge, the Mitsubishi i-MiEV can travel as far as 62 miles, and the electric motor's instant torque makes it easy to zip around town. **Cool Fact** The i-MiEV is the least expensive EV sold in the U.S.

Base Motor 66-hp/145-lb-ft electric

Opt Motor None

Drivetrain Rear-motor, RWD

Transmission 1A

Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars

For the budget-minded EV driver.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-20/21-27 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.5-5.0 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 19-23/28-34 mpg* 0-60 mph: 4.2-6.0 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-28/30-39 mpg* 0-60 mph: 6.9-8.9 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-29/31-40 mpg* 0-60 mph: 5.9-7.4 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 126/99 mpg-e 0-60 mph: 13.4 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-26/25-34 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.5-8.3 sec



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EPA Econ City/Hwy: 34-37/42-44 mpg 0-60 mph: 11.0-12.0 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-19/24-26 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.9 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-27/32-38 mpg* 0-60 mph: 5.8-7.7 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 16/22 mpg 0-60 mph: 2.7-2.9 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 126/101 mpg-e 0-60 mph: 9.6 sec

Mitsubishi Lancer/Ralliart

Base Price \$18,500-\$30,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The Lancer Evolution variant has been discontinued. As Mitsubishi develops a next-generation Lancer compact sedan, expect all-wheel drive to remain standard in the SE and Ralliart variants and front-wheel drive for the base ES and GT trims. Without an Evo model, those looking for performance will likely still have the option of the Lancer Ralliart, which is equipped with a six-speed twin-clutch automatic gearbox. **Cool Fact** In the European market, Mitsubishi sold the Lancer Evolution FQ-440, a 440-hp Evolution.

The undead in automotive form.

Base Engine 2.0L/148-hp/145-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engines 2.4L/168-hp/167-lb-ft I-4;
2.0L/237-hp/253-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 5M; CVT; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3-5 yrs/36,000-60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

Mitsubishi Mirage

Base Price \$14,000* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

MINOR No major changes are expected on the Mirage for the 2016 model year. The car continues to be one of the most fuel-efficient non-hybrid vehicles sold in the U.S.; the Mirage gets up to 44 mpg on the highway when equipped with the CVT. Although the Mirage is cheap to buy and available with features such as navigation and Bluetooth connectivity, it lacks refinement and isn't fun to drive. **Look for** The upcoming sedan, complete with bright exterior colors, to better satiate American tastes.

Efficiency comes in fun colors but is a bore behind the wheel.

Base Engine 1.2L/74-hp/74-lb-ft I-3
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; CVT
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 Stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

Nissan 370Z/370Z NISMO

Base Price \$30,815-\$48,925 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR The 2016 370Z adds a new Deep Blue Pearl exterior color and a Bose audio system with active noise cancellation and active sound enhancement. Both coupe and convertible body styles continue to provide excellent performance and handling despite the car's age. Touring, Sport Tech, and NISMO Tech models include a navigation system with a 7-inch touchscreen and a rearview camera. **Driver's Choice** The 370Z NISMO adds more power, a stiffer suspension setup, a NISMO exhaust system, and Recaro seats.

Potent and powerful despite its age.

Base Engine 3.7L/332-hp/270-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.7L/350-hp/276-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 6M; 7A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

Nissan Altima

Base Price \$23,500-\$33,500* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR We expect the refreshed Altima (2015 model pictured) to offer active safety technology that could help the midsize sedan upgrade its IIHS Top Safety Pick rating to TSP+, which requires a rating of Advanced or Superior for front crash prevention. To stay competitive in the fierce midsize segment, we would love to see revisions to the CVT, improved feel from the electric power steering, and an interior with touches inspired by the new-for-2015 Murano crossover. **Look For** More standard equipment to take the fight to the Camry.

A popular midsize that appeals more to logic than emotion.

Base Engine 2.5L/179-182-hp/177-180-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engine 3.5L/270-hp/251-lb-ft V-6*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

Nissan GT-R/GT-R NISMO

Base Price \$103,365-\$151,585 **Body Type** Coupe

MINOR The GT-R comes with new 20-inch wheels in non-NISMO models. A 45th Anniversary Gold Edition joins the lineup and comes only in an exclusive gold exterior with a gold-tone VIN plate and a commemorative plaque on the center console. Only 30 Gold Edition GT-Rs will be coming to the U.S. The range-topping 600-hp NISMO model continues unchanged in its second year. **Driver's Choice** The GT-R NISMO remains the highest-performing member of the GT-R lineup and is a potent challenger to much more expensive supercars.

Despite its age, Godzilla continues its rampage.

Base Engine 3.8L/545-hp/463-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 3.8L/600-hp/481-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Nissan Leaf

Base Price \$30,000-\$36,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED With a new Leaf coming in the next few years, the 2016 model will have to bridge the gap while remaining competitive. We expect Nissan to take advantage of advances in battery technology to increase the range while also leaving room for the next Leaf to improve. With a greater range—or perhaps multiple available battery sizes like in the Tesla Model S—the Leaf should continue its reign as the best-selling mainstream EV. **Look For** The next-generation Leaf to arrive in 2017 or 2018.

A solid package if you don't mind the styling and don't have \$80,000 for an EV.

Base Motor 107-hp/187-lb-ft electric
Opt Motor None
Drivetrain Front motor, FWD
Transmission 1A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 28%



Base Engine 3.5L/300-hp/261-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22/30 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.8 sec

| Aggressively styled to prevent it from blending in with boring cars.

Nissan Maxima Base Price \$33,235-\$40,685 Body Type Sedan

ALL-NEW The Nissan Maxima returns with a bold and polarizing exterior and performance to back up its reputation as being among the sportier four-doors in its class. There's plenty of standard equipment even in the base S trim, including an infotainment system with an 8-inch touchscreen, navigation, and a 7-inch TFT screen between the instrument cluster gauges. **Driver's Choice** The SR trim adds a performance chassis damper, a larger front anti-roll bar, and a more aggressive suspension setup.



Nissan Sentra

Base Price \$17,500-\$21,500* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The compact Nissan Sentra is due for a refresh for the 2016 model year, and the face-lift will bring the sedan in line with the new Murano and Maxima. Keeping in mind the Sentra NISMO concept, we'd love to see a NISMO or SE-R model on the refreshed Sentra. Currently, the Sentra is powered by a 130-horsepower, 1.8-liter inline-four that's good for up to 40 mpg on the highway in FE+ form. **Best Buy** The SR maximizes the Sentra's curb appeal with special 17-inch wheels and unique front and rear fascias.

Base Engine 1.8L/130-hp/128-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

The compact that's ready to steal more buyers from Corolla and Civic.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27-30/36-40 mpg 0-60 mph: 9.6 sec



Nissan Versa/Versa Note

Base Price \$13,000-\$19,500* **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

UNCHANGED After the sedan received exterior updates last year, we expect no major changes for 2016. Once you've accepted that neither Versa is particularly interesting to drive, you can appreciate the hatch's SR trim, which provides a more aggressive exterior and a body-color spoiler. A Versa SR sedan could be a worthwhile addition for budget-minded customers who would still like a bit of curb appeal. **Best Buy** The Versa Note is roomy for the segment, making it a strong choice as a cheap people-mover.

Base Engine 1.6L/109-hp/107-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 4A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 54%

This roomy subcompact is best when options are minimal and the price is low.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 26-31/35-40 mpg 0-60 mph: 9.0-10.4 sec*



Porsche 911/Turbo S

Base Price \$85,295-\$195,595 **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MINOR The 911 Carrera lineup gains another model as Porsche introduces the latest GT3 RS. The new car will sport a 500-horsepower, 4.0-liter flat-six, the ubiquitous PDK, and aerodynamic elements that increase downforce. It will weigh 22 pounds less than the GT3 and has a no-cost option of deleting the air-conditioning and radio to further reduce weight. **Cool Fact** Pull back both paddles at the same time to put the seven-speed PDK in neutral. This paddle-neutral feature can be used to execute glorious burnouts.

Base Engine 3.4L/350-hp/287-lb-ft flat-6
Opt Engines 3.8L/400-475-hp/324-325-lb-ft flat-6; 3.8L/520-560-hp/487-516-lb-ft twin-turbo flat-6; 4.0L/500-hp/338-lb-ft flat-6
Drivetrain Rear engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 7M; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

With 25 different flavors, it's not hard to find the right 911.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 14-20/20-28 mpg 0-60 mph: 2.6-4.5 sec*



Porsche Boxster/Spyder

Base Price \$53,095-\$83,095 **Body Type** Convertible

MINOR With a replacement Boxster to debut before long, the new range-topping Boxster Spyder seems like a standing ovation for the current-generation mid-engine convertible: a 375-horsepower, 3.8-liter flat-six from the Carrera S, a six-speed manual, front/rear fascias reminiscent of the Cayman GT4, and Carrera brakes. This all comes together to form the most powerful and most dynamic Boxster ever produced. **Look For** Two new turbocharged flat-four engines to debut in the next-generation Boxster and Cayman.

Base Engine 2.7L/265-hp/207-lb-ft flat-6
Opt Engines 3.4L/315-330-hp/266-273-lb-ft flat-6; 3.8L/375-hp/309-lb-ft flat-6
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

The Boxster Spyder is the hot-rod Boxster you've been asking for.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-22/24-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 3.8-5.6 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-22/23-32 mpg **0-60 mph:** 3.8-5.6 sec*

Porsche Cayman/GT4

Base Price \$53,595-\$85,595 **Body Type** Coupe

MINOR The GT4 is quantifiable proof that Porsche is no longer holding back the mid-engine coupe to protect the 911. With a 385-horsepower, 3.8-liter flat-six, 911 GT3-sourced suspension bits and tires, and adjustable aero that produces 220 pounds of downforce at speed, the GT4 is a serious track machine. With flat-four engines destined for the next-gen Cayman/Boxster, the GT4 is looking like quite the sendoff. **Driver's Choice** If track days are on your radar, then the Porsche Cayman GT4 should be, too.

Base Engine 2.7L/275-hp/213-lb-ft flat-6
Opt Engines 3.4L/325-340-hp/272-280-lb-ft flat-6; 3.8L/385-hp/309-lb-ft flat-6
Drivetrain Mid-engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

The exceptionally balanced Cayman finally gets the power we've been asking for.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 15-18/24-28 mpg*, 50 mpg-e comb **0-60 mph:** 3.5-5.2 sec

Porsche Panamera/S E-Hybrid/Turbo S

Base Price \$79,095-\$201,495 **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED With next-gen Panamera prototypes getting spied, the writing is on the wall: The current Panamera is on the way out. A well-equipped special edition called the Panamera Edition includes \$6,000 of equipment standard for \$1,900 more than the base Panamera. With a price range of less than \$100,000 to a little more than \$200,000 for a long-wheelbase model with a 570-hp engine, the Panamera range is expansive. **Look For** A new Panamera to debut with a less dramatically styled rear end and new headlights.

Base Engine 3.6L/310-hp/295-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 3.0L s'chg'd V-6 + elec, 416 hp; 3.0L/420-hp/384-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 4.8L/420-440-hp/384-lb-ft V-8; 4.8L/520-570-hp/516-590-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD
Transmissions 7-sp twin-cl auto; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

Porsche's four-door sports car has plenty of room for junk in the trunk.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13/21 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.1 sec

Rolls-Royce Dawn/Wraith

Base Price \$308,550-\$340,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

MAJOR The Rolls-Royce Dawn drop-top will make its debut in 2016 and occupy a lower price bracket than the Phantom Drophead Coupe. The Dawn should be relatively quick, considering it's mechanically related to the Wraith and will likely get that car's twin-turbo V-12. For the Wraith, front massaging seats and adaptive headlights will now be standard. **Cool Fact** Wraith customers can commission an umbrella to match the car. In addition to selecting a main and secondary color for the umbrella, the handle is now customizable, as well.

Base Engine 6.6L/624-hp/590-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/unlimited miles

It's a new Dawn at Rolls-Royce.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 13/21 mpg **0-60 mph:** 4.4 sec

Rolls-Royce Ghost

Base Price \$293,000-\$325,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED After a rousing round of updates last year, the Ghost might see some smaller trim and material updates this year. We expect a few materials to change similar to the Wraith and for the color of the \$1,300 umbrellas to become even more customizable. If you prefer to be driven but don't want a Phantom, the long wheelbase is a must for the extra 6.7 inches of legroom. **Cool Fact** The eight-speed automatic uses GPS to time downshifts so your Rolls-Royce is always in the best gear for the road ahead.

Base Engine 6.6L/563-hp/575-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 years/unlimited miles

A certified head-turner, especially in the brighter color combinations.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 11/19 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.5-6.0 sec*

Rolls-Royce Phantom

Base Price \$413,000-\$486,000* **Body Type** Sedan

UNCHANGED The biggest Rolls-Royce sees few major changes this year, but the Phantom introduces the Limelight Collection, the latest Bespoke Phantom sedan that offers rear door panniers and enhanced rear seating with adjustable rear head-, calf-, and footrests. The his-and-hers rear door panniers offer a range of spaces for all the extras you could want, from cufflinks and tie pins to concealed fragrance holders. **Cool Fact** The extended-wheelbase Phantom Sedan boasts 53.1 inches of rear legroom.

Base Engine 6.7L/453-hp/531-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 years/unlimited miles

The patriarch of the Rolls-Royce line helps us understand true excess.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 11/19 mpg **0-60 mph:** 5.7-6.0 sec*

Rolls-Royce Phantom Coupe/Drophead Coupe

Base Price \$445,000-\$486,000* **Body Type** Coupe, convertible

UNCHANGED The Rolls-Royce Phantom Drophead will no longer be the only way to get your drop-top fix once the smaller Dawn arrives, reviving a nameplate Rolls first used in 1949. For now, however, the stately Drophead keeps on with a non-turbo V-12 that provides plenty of power (453 hp and 531 lb-ft of torque) but prefers a purposeful driving style. The Coupe's starlight headliner uses 1,600 fiber-optic lights to simulate a night sky. **Cool Fact** Rolls can match the paint color of any object an owner has in mind.

Base Engine 6.7L/453-hp/531-lb-ft V-12
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 years/unlimited miles

Drive the Drophead Coupe along the shore, and you might just think you're on a yacht.



Scion FR-S

Base Price \$26,075 **Body Type** Coupe

UNCHANGED In addition to two new exterior colors, the Scion FR-S now comes standard with a 7-inch touchscreen with voice command and a rearview camera. Scion will continue to offer dealer-installed goodies including navigation, lowering springs, performance exhausts and air intakes, anti-roll bars, a rear spoiler, and foglights. Expect another special-edition model before the end of 2016. **Driver's Choice** A manual-equipped FR-S is the purist's choice for maximum fun in a small rear-drive package.

Base Engine 2.0L/200-hp/151-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Pure, tossable driving enjoyment.

Scion iA

Base Price \$17,000* **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW Essentially a rebadged Mazda2 sedan with a different front fascia, the Scion iA promises to be a fun-to-drive subcompact that's affordable and frugal on gas. The generous amount of standard features include a 7-inch touchscreen, a low-speed front collision avoidance system, two USB ports, voice command, a rearview camera, and hands-free keyless entry/start. **Look For** An array of dealer-installed accessories will be available, so owners can personalize their cars to their liking.

Base Engine 1.5L/106-hp/103-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

Toyota looks to Mazda for a stylish and competitive subcompact entry.

Scion iM

Base Price \$20,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW Scion promises the 2016 iM will bring class-above features to the compact class. Standard features include a 4.2-inch TFT cluster display, power-folding side mirrors, a Pioneer audio system, a 7-inch infotainment touchscreen, and 17-inch alloy wheels. A slew of dealer-installed accessories, including a navigation upgrade and TRD performance parts such as lowering springs and anti-roll bars, will be available for the iM. **Cool Fact** The 2016 iM's 137-hp inline-four and CVT are shared with the Toyota Corolla Eco.

Base Engine 1.8L/137-hp/126-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

The European-market Toyota Auris has finally landed on North American shores.

Scion tC

Base Price \$20,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

MINOR Most updates can be found inside the cabin, where a CD player makes way for a larger, higher-resolution 7-inch touchscreen and an updated Gracenote database. Silver interior door handles are also new. Models without navigation now come with iTunes tagging and a decontented version of Aha Internet radio. The dealer-installed navigation upgrade now includes a new map interface. **Cool Fact** The tC's rear seats can recline slightly, and the hatchback has plenty of room for gear and shopping sprees at Costco or Ikea.

Base Engine 2.5L/179-hp/172-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 54%

One of the last affordable compact coupes.

Smart Fortwo

Base Price \$14,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

ALL-NEW Slightly larger but still tiny, the new Smart Fortwo gains a more powerful 89-horsepower, turbocharged inline-three and a six-speed twin-clutch automatic transmission. (A five-speed manual will be available, as well.) A newly developed safety cell ensures that safety remains a priority, and a new chassis featuring a wider track improves stability and maneuverability. Expect the return of a fully electric model before long. **Cool Fact** Like with Minis, buyers can opt for contrasting exterior colors in their Smart Fortwo.

Base Engine 0.9L/89-hp/100-lb-ft turbo I-3
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Rear engine, RWD
Transmissions 5M; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

A quirky, fun-size urban runabout that fits in your front pocket.

Subaru BRZ

Base Price \$26,500-\$31,000* **Body Type** Coupe

MINOR In the next couple model years, a BRZ tuned by STI will make its way to our shores. That's the good news. The bad news (for some) is that it will feature handling improvements only and not the forced induction many had hoped for. However, the Japanese-spec BRZ tS model we drove felt far more planted and was easily the best-handling BRZ we'd ever experienced. **Best Buy** Another car if you're more interested in insane power levels than you are the BRZ's rear-drive handling precision and 200 hp.

Base Engine 2.0L/200-hp/151-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

We finally get an STI-style BRZ but without extra power. It won't make everyone happy.

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-25/30-34 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.2-7.7 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 31-33/41-42 mpg 0-60 mph: 9.0-9.5 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27-30/36-37 mpg* 0-60 mph: 9.0-9.3 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23/31 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.9-7.6 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: Not yet rated 0-60 mph: 10.0 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 22-25/30-34 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.3-7.7 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-28/23-37 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.6-9.9 sec

Subaru Impreza/WRX STI

Base Price \$19,500*-\$35,490 **Body Type** Sedan, hatchback

MINOR The high-performance WRX and WRX STI variants now get the superb EyeSight suite of driver-assistance technology. The EyeSight systems enabled the Impreza to ace the IIHS front crash prevention test and avoid a collision altogether in the low- and high-speed tests. The CVT in the WRX isn't half-bad, either, and will likely get lots more sporty compact buyers into the peppy sedan than would the manual-transmission model alone. **Avoid** The WRX STI if you want to fly under the radar—or get it and ditch the wing.

Impressive, though the lack of an STI hatchback still leaves us wanting.

Base Engine 2.0L/148-hp/145-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/268-hp/258-lb-ft turbo flat-4; 2.5L/305-hp/290-lb-ft turbo flat-4
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 20-26/23-36 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.0-9.2 sec

Subaru Legacy

Base Price \$22,540-\$30,740 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR After a major redesign last year, the Legacy offers a few new features for 2016. The steering has been retuned, and EyeSight, Subaru's suite of active safety technology, adds lane keeping assistance. All Legacy models will now feature the latest Starlink infotainment system, and Safety Plus and Security Plus become available and provide a suite of connectivity features. **Cool Fact** EyeSight was one of only a handful of active safety systems to completely stop a vehicle in IIHS front crash prevention testing.

It's not all that exciting to look at, but it sure is safe.

Base Engine 2.5L/175-hp/174-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/256-hp/247-lb-ft flat-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 56%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 89-101/98-106 mpg-e 0-60 mph: 3.2-5.5 sec*

Tesla Model S/P85D

Base Price \$76,200-\$106,200 **Body Type** Hatchback

MAJOR The ever-changing Tesla Model S saw a few big changes this year, and dual motors played a big role. The P85D debuted and brought with it a new era of performance—a 3.2-second *Motor Trend*-tested 0-60 mph time. At the entry level, the 70D was introduced. It adds a second motor for AWD and comes with a 70-kW-hr battery. The EPA-rated driving range goes from 240 miles on the 70D to 270 miles on the 85D. **Cool Fact** Tesla's Powerwall home battery is essentially a Model S, just without all the car bits.

The Model S expands its domination beyond the EVs and into the high-performance four-door arena.

Base Motor 329-hp dual electric
Opt Motors 362-hp electric; 422-hp dual electric; 691-hp dual electric
Drivetrain RWD/AWD
Transmission 1A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-40/31-39 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.2-7.4 sec

Toyota Avalon

Base Price \$33,500-\$38,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR Some light exterior and interior revisions keep the Toyota Avalon competitive in its segment. Two new suspension setups, one tuned for comfort and the other for better driving dynamics, will be offered to help the Avalon appeal to a broader range of buyers. New features include a wireless cellphone charging system, a revised Entune infotainment system, adaptive cruise control, a pre-collision safety system, and lane departure warning. **Cool Fact** The Avalon shares its platform and powertrains with the Lexus ES.

A car that appeals to driving enthusiasts and hypermilers alike.

Base Engine 3.5L/268-hp/248-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 2.5L I-4 + elec, 200 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 21-43/31-39 mpg 0-60 mph: 6.1-8.1 sec

Toyota Camry

Base Price \$24,000-\$31,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR After a major overhaul for the 2015 model year, the Toyota Camry returns with a standard 7-inch TFT display on the LE trim, which now also offers 16-inch alloys. The new Special Edition model features 18-inch alloy wheels, a power moonroof, Qi wireless cellphone charging, interior blue contrast stitching, hands-free keyless entry/start, exterior badging, and the optional Entune infotainment system with navigation and app suite. **Cool Fact** The Camry V-6 is one of the quickest midsize family sedans from 0 to 60 mph.

Bolder in looks but not in terms of driving dynamics.

Base Engine 2.5L/178-hp/170-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 3.5L/268-hp/248-lb-ft V-6; 2.5L I-4 + elec, 200 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 27-30/36-42 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.8-10.2 sec

Toyota Corolla

Base Price \$18,000-\$21,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The new Special Edition model comes with 17-inch alloy wheels, hands-free keyless entry/start, black upholstery with red contrast stitching, and Special Edition floor mats and exterior badges. The Entune infotainment system with navigation and app suite and a power moonroof are optional. An updated version of Toyota's Entune infotainment system is available on LE, LE Eco, and S models. All variants now come standard with hill start assist. **Avoid** The base L model, as the optional automatic transmission is a four-speed, not the CVT.

Uninspiring yet spacious in a polarizing exterior design.

Base Engine 1.8L/132-hp/128-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.8L/140-hp/126-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 6M; 4A; CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%



Toyota Mirai

Base Price \$58,325 **Body Type** Sedan

ALL-NEW Toyota's hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, complete with its quirky exterior styling and angry-looking front fascia, will go on sale later this year (in California only). A carbon-fiber storage tank holds the hydrogen used to power the 151-horsepower electric motor via the fuel cell. The Mirai is built on an extended Prius V platform, uses an electric motor lifted from the Lexus RX 450h, and borrows the Camry Hybrid's traction battery. **Cool Fact** The Mirai takes about five minutes to refuel and has an overall driving range of up to 300 miles.

Base Motor 151-hp/247-lb-ft electric
Opt Motor None
Drivetrain Front motor, FWD
Transmission 1A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy: Not Yet Rated **0-60 mph:** 9.0 sec*

Cementing Toyota's leadership in alternative fuel vehicles.



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HYBRID
ECONOMY CAR**

Toyota Prius

Base Price \$25,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED Production for the Prius PHEV ended in June 2015. The non-PHEV Prius will continue on until the delayed next-generation Prius makes its debut. The outgoing Prius remains one of the most efficient cars available today, but it isn't entertaining to drive. A lighter platform and a more compact hybrid system are rumored to be on the way, bringing with them slightly improved acceleration and mileage as much as 10 percent better. **Look For** An all-new Prius with a new powertrain and even better fuel economy before long.

Base Engine 1.8L I-4 + elec, 134 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 51/48 mpg **0-60 mph:** 9.5 sec

The automotive poster child of the green movement.



**MPG KING
HYBRID
ECONOMY CAR**

Toyota Prius C

Base Price \$21,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED After receiving some minor exterior design revisions, the smallest member of the Prius family is expected to carry over unchanged. The Prius C is the most affordable hybrid sold in the U.S. and the most fuel-efficient subcompact, too. Toyota offers a variety of bright exterior colors for the Prius C, including lime green, orange, light blue, yellow, red, and electric blue. Every model comes standard with LED low- and high-beams. **Best Buy** A mid-level Prius C for around-town use and grocery runs.

Base Engine 1.5L I-4 + elec, 99 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 53/46 mpg **0-60 mph:** 10.2 sec

The urban warrior's hybrid runabout.



**MPG KING
HYBRID
WAGON**

Toyota Prius V

Base Price \$28,000* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED The Toyota Prius V received minor exterior design tweaks for 2015, and it now carries over unchanged for the 2016 model year. Essentially a tall wagon, the Prius V is versatile with a whopping 67.3 cubic feet of maximum volume when the rear seats are folded. The Prius V's practicality and versatility makes it a good alternative to crossovers, especially for families that value fuel efficiency. **Cool Fact** Outside of North America, the Prius V is available with seating for up to seven passengers.

Base Engine 1.8L I-4 + elec, 134 hp
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission CVT
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 44/40 mpg **0-60 mph:** 10.1 sec

The Prius for growing families.



Toyota Yaris

Base Price \$16,000-\$18,500* **Body Type** Hatchback

UNCHANGED Aside from two new two-tone exterior color options, the entry-level Yaris is a carryover from 2015. Toyota offered navigation in the Yaris for the first time last year, and the feature remains available as a port- or dealer-installed option. The sporty SE trim comes with a sport-tuned front suspension, 16-inch alloy wheels, and a black front grille. Although a sedan was once offered, the Yaris is only available as a hatchback for 2016. **Look For** An all-new Yaris soon with help from Mazda.

Base Engine 1.5L/106-hp/103-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 4A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 54%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 30/36-37 mpg **0-60 mph:** 8.7-10.3 sec

It's still just a car.



Volkswagen Beetle/2.0T R-Line

Base Price \$22,500-\$32,000* **Body Type** Hatchback, convertible

UNCHANGED Aside from the addition of USB ports, an updated infotainment system, and a new trim-naming strategy, the iconic Beetle carries over unchanged. The lineup includes the fuel-efficient Beetle TDI, which includes the only convertible with a diesel engine available in the U.S. R-Line models use a detuned version of the Golf GTI's engine, and they come standard with a sport-tuned suspension, front sport seats, and 18- or 19-inch wheels. **Look For** At least one new special edition to keep the Beetle range interesting.

Base Engine 1.8L/170-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/210-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/150-hp/236-lb-ft t-diesel I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6A; 6M; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-31/29-41 mpg **0-60 mph:** 6.3-7.8 sec*

A quirkier, funkier Golf that's also available as a drop-top.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 17-22/25-32 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.5-6.7 sec*

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EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-31/30-45 mpg*; 126/105 mpg-e 0-60 mph: 4.5-9.1 sec* | A full barrage on the compact car segment.



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 23-42/32-48 mpg* 0-60 mph: 6.0-8.0 sec*

MPG KING
FAMILY SEDAN



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 20-30/28-44 mpg 0-60 mph: 5.7-9.0 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 18-26/27-38 mpg 0-60 mph: 4.7-6.3 sec*

MPG KING
PREMIUM
LARGE SEDAN



EPA Econ City/Hwy: 25/37 mpg 0-60 mph: 7.3 sec*

Volkswagen CC

Base Price \$33,000-\$42,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR A new 2.0-liter base model should lower the CC's entry-level price. For 2016, 2.0T Sport and R-Line models add hands-free keyless entry/start and post-collision braking as standard, and the R-Line Executive model gets 18-inch wheels and leather seats. All-wheel-drive V-6 models get adaptive cruise control, lane keep assist, and post-collision braking, and all models now have USB ports and an updated infotainment system. **Look For** An all-new CC featuring design language borrowed from the Sport Coupe Concept GTE.

The four-door coupe for the masses.

Volkswagen Golf/R/SportWagen/e-Golf

Base Price \$19,500-\$43,000* **Body Type** Hatchback, wagon

MINOR VW has added USB ports to the Golf, and a new infotainment system integrates Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. A rearview camera is added to the Golf S, the Golf R gains an available six-speed manual, and the e-Golf adds a new SE model. Newly available tech includes autonomous emergency braking, a blind-spot monitoring system with rear cross-traffic alert, and lane keep assist. **Look For** An AWD Golf SportWagen featuring more ground clearance and body cladding, called the Alltrack, in 2016.

Base Engine 2.0L/200-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4

Opt Engine 3.6L/280-hp/265-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6M; 6A; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

Base Engine 1.8L/170-hp/184-199-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/150-hp/236-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 2.0L/210-220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/292-hp/280-lb-ft turbo I-4; 115-hp/199-lb-ft electric
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; 6A; 6-sp twin-cl auto; 1A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

Volkswagen Jetta/GLI/Hybrid

Base Price \$18,000-\$32,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The 115-horsepower, 2.0-liter I-4 is finally gone from the Jetta lineup. It's replaced on the car's bottom trims by a 150-horsepower, 1.4-liter, turbo I-4 with 184 lb-ft and an estimated 40 mpg on the highway. The sporty GLI gets updated front and rear bumper designs, and all models get USB ports. A new Driver Assistance package adds an auto-emergency brake system and adaptive cruise control. **Cool Fact** In 2012, *Motor Trend* set a hybrid land-speed record with a 186.3-mph average speed in a modified Jetta Hybrid.

Affordable German engineering that offers something for everyone.

Base Engine 1.4L/150-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 1.8L/170-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/150-hp/236-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 2.0L/210-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4; 1.4L turbo I-4 + elec, 170 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6A; 6M; 6-sp twin-cl auto; 7-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Volkswagen Passat

Base Price \$22,000-\$37,000* **Body Type** Sedan

MAJOR The Passat returns for 2016 with updated sheetmetal, new wheel styles, and revised front and rear bumper designs (2015 model pictured). The interior has been improved, too, now featuring USB ports and a new infotainment system with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Newly available active safety tech could help the sedan, our 2012 Car of the Year, earn an IIHS Top Safety Pick+ rating. **Cool Fact** Passats sold in North America are assembled in Volkswagen's Chattanooga, Tennessee, plant.

The German engineered, American assembled midsize family sedan.

Base Engine 1.8L/170-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/150-hp/236-lb-ft t-diesel I-4; 3.6L/280-hp/258-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmissions 5M; 6M; 6A; 6-sp twin-cl auto
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

Volvo S60/V60

Base Price \$34,890-\$62,000* **Body Type** Sedan, wagon

MAJOR Two new variants of the S60 have been added: the Cross Country and the built-in-China, long-wheelbase Inscription model. Cross Country models come standard with a raised suspension, and the Inscription gains 2.9 inches of additional rear legroom, 18-inch alloy wheels, and walnut wood and metal accents. Base V60 models gain newly designed 17-inch alloy wheels, and the V60 R-Design now has standard 19-inch wheels. **Driver's Choice** The Polestar models, provided you can get one before the allotment runs out.

The Swedish-style sports sedan and wagon.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.5L/250-hp/266-lb-ft turbo I-5; 2.0L/302-hp/295-lb-ft s'chg'd and turbo I-4; 3.0L/325-345-hp/354-369-lb-ft turbo I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD
Transmissions 6A; 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr. Retained Value 43%

Volvo S80

Base Price \$44,390 **Body Type** Sedan

MINOR The 300-horsepower, turbo I-6 has been discontinued, leaving the 240-hp, 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 as the only powertrain. As a result of the discontinuation of the turbo-six, all-wheel drive is no longer available in the S80 range. Navigation, City Safety, dual-zone climate control, 18-inch alloy wheels, a sunroof, and heated front seats are standard on all S80 models. **Look For** A successor, called the S90, with the full range of Drive-E powertrains sometime in the next couple years.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD
Transmission 8A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr. Retained Value 41%

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Digging In

REFRESHED MIDSIZE RIG STANDS READY TO BATTLE CANYON AND COLORADO



Even if Toyota hadn't refreshed its Tacoma midsize pickup, the truck would likely hold the top spot for the segment this year. Toyota owned it with 60 percent of all midsize truck sales last year and has had the best-selling midsize truck 10 years and running.

During that time, however, more trucks have left the market than entered it. Gone are the Ford Ranger, Dodge Dakota, and until recently the Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon.

The 2016 Tacoma gets just the makeover it needed: new powertrains, fresh sheetmetal, and a raft of new features. Welcome to 2015. Unveiled at the North American International

Auto Show, the Tacoma will arrive with either a new 3.5-liter Atkinson cycle V-6 or a carryover 2.7-liter four-banger. Both will be mated to a six-speed automatic transmission, though manual transmissions are available, with five ratios on the 2.7L and six on the 3.5L.

The 3.5-liter replaces the anemic 236-horsepower, 4.0-liter V-6 that Toyota kept in the Tacoma for more than a decade. The 3.5L comes with Toyota's D4-S technology, which employs both port- and direct-injection at lower rpm, transitioning to exclusively direct-injection at higher revs for more power. Toyota did not release power figures for either engine, but it's not unimaginable to expect a power jump of 40 horses on the V-6.

The 159-horsepower, 2.7-liter four-cylinder engine could see a mild increase in power, but it should definitely see an increase in fuel efficiency by replacing the four-speed automatic transmission with a six-speed.

Although Toyota did not release specs on the Tacoma, it did say there were some improvements to the truck's platform with additional high-strength steel incorporated into it. Toyota will still

offer five trim levels ranging from the base SR to the more luxurious Limited. Two of the trim levels will feature Toyota's TRD hardware, and these will account for 40 percent of sales.

There will also be a new interior with softer touch points and optional leather trim. Toyota said new features include keyless entry, blind-spot detection, push-button start, touchscreen audio, and more.

Toyota may have replaced all of the Tacoma's sheetmetal, but the truck's looks have not changed dramatically. The grille is more aggressive, but its profile remains as Tacoma as it has always been, and few can see that the tailgate now locks.

The real question is: Can the new Tacoma surpass the Colorado or Canyon? Just catching up to the competition might not be enough for Toyota to continue its dominance of the segment. Toyota might have left the tailgate open for pickups such as the Colorado and Canyon to begin nibbling away at the Tacoma's market share in the coming years. Over the short haul, the Tacoma will reign as the midsize champ. But for how long? ■

HEATING UP? The refreshed 2016 Toyota Tacoma remains the sales front-runner in the midsize pickup segment but now faces serious competition.



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Titanic Tweener

A LIGHT-ISH HEAVY WITH A FORD-ISH FACE, GM-ISH INTERIOR, AND RAM-ISH ENGINE

Styled to look maybe just a bit too much like the last-gen Ford F-150, the Titan XD aims at a niche between the traditional half- and three-quarter-ton trucks. Think of it as a Ford F-200 or GM/Ram 2000 that goes on sale in late 2015.

Quoted max payload and towing figures of 2,000- and 12,000-plus pounds align with the highest figures in the light-duty range and the lowest ones quoted for the heavies, but Nissan reps admitted at the truck's Detroit show debut that the gross vehicle weight rating will top 8,500 pounds (at least on some models), so the EPA will think of those as full-on HDs (so no official city/hwy numbers will be measured on them).

To shoulder such loads, the Titan XD will launch with a 310-hp/555-lb-ft Cummins 5.0-liter turbodiesel DOHC 32-valve V-8 featuring twin sequential turbos located in the valley of the vee. It will be mated to an Aisin six-speed automatic. A V-8 gas engine will also be offered on the Titan XD and in the traditional "half-ton" Titan, which gets a V-6 in base models. Details on these engines will follow closer to their

2016 introduction, but likely candidates are the familiar DOHC 4.0-liter V-6 and 5.6-liter V-8, hopefully paired with a ruggedized version of Infiniti's seven-speed automatic.

Base and XD Titans employ different fully boxed frames, with the half-ton's evolving from the current Titan and the XD's based on the NV commercial van chassis. Both use standard front coil/rear-leaf suspension, and the lineup will offer three cab configurations, three bed lengths, and five trim levels: S, SV, Pro4X, SL, and

the ultra-plush Platinum Reserve.

Options include the Utili-track accessory mount system, removable stowage bins that mount inside the bed, an assisted open/close tailgate, a factory optional gooseneck hitch, and an around-view monitor, but there's no corner step. There's not a lot of pioneering innovation here, and Nissan made no mention of any big fuel-economy-improving technology, so we don't see this new Titan causing much erosion of the Detroit Three's market share. ■



Think of it as a Ford F-200 or GM/Ram 2000.



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KEY

5M five-speed manual
6A/8A six/eight-speed auto
6-sp auto-cl man
six-speed auto-clutch manual

7-sp twin-cl auto
seven-speed twin-clutch
automatic
FWD front-wheel drive

AWD On-road oriented
all-wheel drive / **RWD** rear-
wheel drive / **4WD** Off-road
oriented 4-wheel drive

NHTSA and IIHS
safety data derived from
2015 or 2016 model ratings

IntelliChoice
five-year
retained value
data may apply
to common vehicle
variants, not
an average of all
model variants.

ALL-NEW

New inside
and out,
possible
powertrain
changes

MAJOR

Mid-cycle
change
updates, minor
powertrain
changes

MINOR

Special editions,
significant new
features

UNCHANGED

Minor trim
or package
changes,
new colors



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-20/26-27 mpg 0-60 mph 6.4 sec

Acura MDX

Base Price \$43,785-\$45,785 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The nine-speed automatic first introduced on the TLX V-6 has made its way to the MDX along with a revised AWD system. AcuraWatch, a suite of safety aids that includes road departure mitigation, rear cross traffic alert, and collision mitigation, is now available. Despite its size, the seven-passenger MDX accelerates and handles well with moves that belie its two-ton curb weight, making it one of the best-driving SUVs in its class. **Cool Fact** The MDX is the best-selling vehicle in Acura's lineup.

Base Engine 3.5L/290-hp/267-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 9A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Proof that sportiness and family-friendliness aren't mutually exclusive.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-20/28-29 mpg 0-60 mph 6.2 sec*

Acura RDX

Base Price \$36,190-\$37,690 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Refreshed with a revised suspension and a more powerful V-6 with a broader torque curve, the RDX aims to keep itself relevant in the luxury crossover segment. Other changes include the addition of Jewel Eye LED headlights and a host of safety aids, including collision mitigation, lane keeping assist, and blind-spot warning. The body structure has been improved for better front collision performance. **Cool Fact** The V-6 engine can operate in four-cylinder mode to optimize fuel economy during light loads.

Base Engine 3.5L/279-hp/252-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 1,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

The crossover for those who want an MDX in a smaller package.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21/28 mpg 0-60 mph 6.4 sec

Audi Allroad

Base Price \$43,625 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED A leather-wrapped, three-spoke steering wheel is now standard on all Allroads. The Navigation package now comes with hands-free keyless entry/start and 4G LTE connectivity, and the Technology package for the Premium Plus trim adds a Bang & Olufsen sound system. AWD remains standard, and the venerable 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 and eight-speed automatic continue to be the only powertrain available on this upscale Outback alternative. **Look For** A new Allroad to follow after the next-generation A4 is introduced.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 1,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

The most carlike of Audi's crossovers.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 20/28-29 mpg 0-60 mph 7.8-8.2 sec*

Audi Q3

Base Price \$34,625-\$36,725 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The 2016 Q3 receives subtle exterior and interior design changes, including a redesigned grille, bumper, side sills, headlights, and taillights. Front and rear parking sensors and a rearview camera are now standard on all Q3s, and four new colors are available. The Prestige package now includes full LED headlights. **Cool Fact** In Europe, the Q3 is available in a high-performance model called the RS Q3; it's powered by a 340-hp, turbo inline-five mated to a seven-speed twin-clutch automatic.

Base Engine 2.0L/200-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 1,000 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

Essentially an A3 hatchback on stilts.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-24/26-31 mpg 0-60 mph 4.4-7.0 sec*

Audi Q5/SQ5

Base Price \$41,825-\$54,225 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Audi Q5 sees packaging changes across the range. The Navigation Plus package now includes 4G LTE connectivity and a panoramic sunroof, and the Technology package for the Premium Plus trim comes with a Bang & Olufsen sound system. The SQ5 gets new 20-inch alloy wheels in the Black Optics package, and adaptive damping suspension is a standalone option in the SQ5 Premium Plus. **Driver's Choice** The SQ5 proves that crossovers can be great sporting machines, too.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.0L/272-354-hp/295-346-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6; 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t'diesel V-6; 2.0L turbo I-4 + elec, 245 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 4,400 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

A full range that appeals to everyone from fuel misers to speed demons.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-20/24-30 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.1-7.0 sec*

Audi Q7

Base Price \$50,000-\$70,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Lighter than its predecessor, the Audi Q7 returns with a new 252-hp turbo-four and a roomier, more luxurious interior. New features include an updated MMI infotainment system with a pop-up touchscreen, head-up display, and a host of safety aids, including traffic jam and turning assists. A plug-in hybrid will eventually be offered alongside the turbo-four, diesel V-6, and supercharged V-6. **Look For** The upcoming Bentley Bentayga SUV to slot in way above the Q7 as the VW Group's flagship SUV.

Base Engine 2.0L/252-hp/273-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 3.0L/333-hp/325-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6*; 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t'diesel V-6*
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 6,600 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

Audi's largest SUV is smarter, lighter, and more fuel-efficient than ever.



BMW X1

Base Price \$35,795 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The X1 makes AWD standard and moves to a new platform shared with Mini. The styling has been updated, making the X1 look more like the X5 instead of just a tall hatchback. The turbo-four is part of BMW's new engine family, and despite the front-wheel-drive roots, the AWD system can send 100 percent of the power to the rear wheels at a moment's notice. **Avoid** Waiting for the return of the last-gen's xDrive35i model; instead, a turbodiesel four-cylinder model might be in the cards in a few years.

Base Engine 2.0L/228-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 23/34 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.3 sec*

The littlest BMW SUV now looks the part.



BMW X3

Base Price \$39,595-\$47,345 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED After a major refresh last year, the X3 only sees small changes, gaining enhanced USB and Bluetooth standard on all models and reducing prices for certain options while changing availability of others for 2016. The premium Harman Kardon sound system is now standard on the xDrive35i model. The entry-level engine is still the 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 that's available with rear- or all-wheel drive. **Cool Fact** The X3 has all of the modern tech gizmos, including a foot-wave-activated power rear liftgate.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/181-hp/280-lb-ft I-diesel I-4; 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 8A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-27/27-34 mpg 0-60 mph 5.3-7.5 sec*

Jack of all trades, master of most.



BMW X4

Base Price \$45,895-\$50,245 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED All-new last year, the X4 adds enhanced USB and Bluetooth as standard and sees a price reduction for the Driver Assistance Plus and Technology packages, which are now \$1,700 and \$2,750, respectively. Unlike the X3 it's based on, the AWD X4 doesn't get a diesel engine. Instead, power options include a 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 and a more powerful 3.0-liter, turbo I-6. **Best Buy** The xDrive28i comes with the same style of the xDrive35i model for those who couldn't care less about 0-60 times.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-20/27-28 mpg 0-60 mph 5.2-6.3 sec

Only the rear-seat passengers have to sacrifice for style.



BMW X5/xDrive40e PHEV/M

Base Price \$54,895-\$99,795 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The new X5 xDrive40e is BMW's first plug-in hybrid SUV. The PHEV pairs a 2.0-liter, turbo I-4 with an electric motor and the xDrive AWD system. BMW estimates the xDrive40e will travel up to 13 miles on electricity alone and expects an EPA rating of 55 mpg-e. The hybrid system will be more performance-oriented with the added bonus to fuel economy instead of sapping fun in the name of efficiency. Although most X5s have AWD, a RWD sDrive35i lowers the base price. **Driver's Choice** The X5 M is still gloriously excessive.

Base Engine 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6
Opt Engines 3.0L/255-hp/413-lb-ft I-diesel I-6; 2.0L turbo I-4 + elec, 308 hp; 4.4L/445-567-hp/480-553-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 8A
Towing 6,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-24/19-31 mpg; 55 mpg-e* 0-60 mph 4.0-6.5 sec*

BMW's best-selling SUV offers more options than ever.



BMW X6/M

Base Price \$60,795-\$103,195 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED After the X6 received updates for 2015, this is a quiet year for BMW's larger coupelike SUV. Last year also marked the arrival of a more powerful X6 M, the least quiet iteration of the X6. The M variant turns up the boost for 567 hp and 553 lb-ft of torque and exists merely because it can. All X6 trims now get enhanced USB and Bluetooth standard, and prices for packages and some individual features have been revised. **Cool Fact** The X6 M is just as good on a racetrack as the rest of the M lineup.

Base Engine 3.0L/300-hp/300-lb-ft turbo I-6
Opt Engine 4.4L/445-567-hp/480-553-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 8A
Towing 6,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-19/19-27 mpg 0-60 mph 4.0-5.8 sec*

For when the X5 isn't stylish enough and the X4 is too small.



Buick Enclave

Base Price \$39,990-\$46,585 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR A special edition called the Tuscan Edition comes with 20-inch chrome wheels with bronze accents, a bronze-clad waterfall grille, and a choice of three exterior colors. All Enclaves now get standard 19-inch alloy wheels and three new exterior color options, and 19-inch chrome wheels are also an option. 4G LTE connectivity is available for a monthly fee after the three-month/3-GB trial period ends. **Cool Fact** The Enclave is mechanically related to the Chevrolet Traverse and GMC Acadia.

Base Engine 3.6L/288-hp/270-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 4,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/22-24 mpg 0-60 mph 8.2-8.5 sec*

The best of the GM three-row crossover trifecta.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-27/30-35 mpg* 0-60 mph 9.0-10.1 sec*

Buick Encore

Base Price \$25,500-\$27,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Buick introduces the Encore Sport Touring, a more spirited take on the comfortable subcompact. The Sport Touring's turbo 1.4-liter is part of GM's new engine family, and in addition to an estimated 15 hp and 29 lb-ft of torque gain, the powerband is improved for urban driving. The Sport Touring will also add a rear spoiler and unique 18-inch aluminum wheels. Also added are three new exterior colors and revised, optional 18-inch "Ultra-Bright" alloy wheels. **Cool Fact** The Encore is one of Buick's best-selling models.

Buick's premium small crossover continues to make a name for itself.

Base Engine 1.4L/138-hp/148-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 1.4L/153-hp*/177-lb-ft* turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-15/20-21 mpg 0-60 mph 5.9-6.2 sec

Cadillac Escalade/ESV

Base Price \$74,000-\$93,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED An updated CUE infotainment system now comes with improved navigation functionality and Apple CarPlay compatibility. Lane keeping assist has been added to the Escalade's list of available safety and driver assistance systems. GM's Magnetic Ride Control system remains standard and helps the Escalade stay planted on the road while maintaining excellent ride comfort. **Cool Fact** The Escalade's eight-speed automatic transmission is shared with performance cars such as the CTS-V and ATS-V.

The American juggernaut of luxury SUVs.

Base Engine 6.2L/420-hp/460-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 8A
Towing 8,300 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/23-24 mpg 0-60 mph 6.6-6.8 sec

Cadillac SRX

Base Price \$38,600-\$47,130 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Cadillac SRX isn't projected to get any major changes before an updated model with revised styling and a new name—XT5—makes its debut next year. Regardless of what you call it, Cadillac's midsize five-passenger crossover is by far its best-selling vehicle. Expect Apple CarPlay and Android Auto infotainment connectivity and standard 4G LTE connectivity via OnStar with a monthly fee after the three-month/3-GB trial period ends. **Look For** Much bolder front styling on the face-lifted model.

A competitive entry that's about to be renamed.

Base Engine 3.6L/308-hp/265-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 24/26 mpg 0-60 mph 10.1 sec*

Chevrolet City Express

Base Price \$23,000-\$25,000* **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED The City Express, a rebadged Nissan NV200 cargo van, is a fuel-efficient alternative for buyers needing a commercial van but not the capability of the body-on-frame full-size Express. With 122.7 cubic feet of cargo volume and up to 1,500 pounds of payload capacity, the City Express is a reasonable alternative for businesses that don't want the larger footprint of the stoic old Express. **Best Buy** Depending on local incentives, the Chevrolet might be cheaper than the nearly identical Nissan.

And it's Nissan with the assist! Chevrolet scores and stays in the small van game.

Base Engine 2.0L/131-hp/139-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, CVT
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-22/24-31 mpg* 0-60 mph 7.4-9.3 sec

Chevrolet Colorado

Base Price \$21,000-\$40,000* **Body Type** Pickup

MAJOR The Colorado impressed us so much that we named it our 2015 Truck of the Year. The right-size pickup is smaller than the Silverado and feels noticeably nimbler. A 2.8-liter, Duramax turbodiesel inline-four will be arriving later in 2016. Apple CarPlay connectivity is now available, and the LT and Z71 trims get an enhanced multicolor gauge cluster display. **Cool Fact** With a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hot spot, lane departure warning, and forward collision alert, the Colorado is as technologically savvy as it is capable.

Chevrolet has changed the game.

Base Engine 2.5L/200-hp/191-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 3.6L/305-hp/269-lb-ft V-6;
 2.8L/181-hp/369-lb-ft t'diesel I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6M/6A
Towing 3,500-7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-22/23-32 mpg 0-60 mph 6.8-9.6 sec*

Chevrolet Equinox

Base Price \$23,500-\$35,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Exterior styling tweaks include a revised front fascia, new wheel designs, and chrome exhausts on V-6 models. Projector headlights, a 7-inch touchscreen, and a rearview camera are now standard. New safety aids include blind-spot warning and rear cross traffic alert. Saddle Up is a newly available interior color, and the Equinox now offers a tablet holder. **Cool Fact** Aside from the mechanically related GMC Terrain, the Equinox is the only crossover in its class with an available engine producing more than 300 hp.

Still ready to take on the competition.

Base Engine 2.4L/182-hp/172-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/301-hp/272-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 1,500-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%



Chevrolet Express/GMC Savana

Base Price \$30,500-\$50,000* **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED Standard equipment now includes six D-ring tie-downs on cargo models. Single-pane side-view mirrors and OnStar with 4G LTE Wi-Fi are available, as are a 220-amp alternator and aux battery system for gas models. The availability of a turbodiesel V-8 and its 10,000-lb tow capacity means the vans can serve a subset of the full-size commercial van segment that no competitor can currently match. **Best Buy** Either if a van with well-known ownership costs is more important than one with more innovation.

Base Engine 4.8L/285-hp/295-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engines 6.0L/342-hp/373-lb-ft V-8; 6.6L/260-hp/525-lb-ft t'diesel V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD, 6A
Towing 7,400-10,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 11/16-17 mpg; Not Rated (6.6L) 0-60 mph 7.5-9.5 sec*

GM plays it safe.



Chevrolet Silverado

Base Price \$27,500-\$52,500* **Body Type** Pickup

MAJOR The Silverado brings the excellent eight-speed automatic found on the 6.2-liter V-8 to some models with the smaller 5.3-liter V-8. Other trims with that engine and all trucks with the entry-level V-6 carry over the old six-speed automatic. A new front fascia with a sculpted hood and horizontal body-color elements adds a more Colorado-like front end. **Cool Fact** The latest MyLink will also support Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, bringing the Silverado to the front of the pack in connectivity.

Base Engine 4.3L/285-hp/305-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 5.3L/355-hp/383-lb-ft V-8; 6.2L/420-hp/460-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A/8A
Towing 7,600-12,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 56%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-18/21-24 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.0-7.4 sec*

Careful changes in high-impact areas make a capable truck even better.



Chevrolet Silverado HD

Base Price \$34,000-\$64,000* **Body Type** Pickup

UNCHANGED Last year, Chevrolet gave the Silverado HD the looks to match its capability and brought it in line with the smaller Silverado in the styling department. Despite the constant one-upmanship in the segment, Chevrolet doesn't seem concerned and is happy with "just" 765 lb-ft of torque with the available turbodiesel V-8. The Silverado HD is a less powerful truck than the competition, but it does well what it aims to do. **Cool Fact** The High Country model brings Denali-like refinement with Chevrolet styling.

Base Engine 6.0L/360-hp/380-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.6L/397-hp/765-lb-ft t'diesel V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 14,800-23,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 3-4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%

EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 7.0-8.3 sec*

For when you just need to get the job done and don't care about the biggest number.



Chevrolet Tahoe/Suburban

Base Price \$48,000-\$68,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Tahoe and Suburban see a few updates, with a newly available head-up display for the LTZ trim and the base LS gaining a standard 8-inch infotainment system with 4G LTE Wi-Fi connectivity, Apple CarPlay support, and an Enhanced Driver Alert package for 2016. The new package includes power-adjustable pedals, IntelliBeam high-beam assist, lane keeping assistance, a forward collision alert, and the Safety Alert Seat. **Best Buy** If you plan to frequently haul full loads of people and stuff, spring for the Suburban.

Base Engine 5.3L/355-hp/383-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 8,300-8,600 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 54%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-16/22-23 mpg 0-60 mph 6.7-7.3 sec

The classic recipe, now with more technology and efficiency.



Chevrolet Traverse

Base Price \$32,100-\$45,040 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED For 2016 the Traverse gains 4G LTE connectivity with a Wi-Fi hot spot, new 20-inch aluminum wheel designs in painted or machined finishes, a new Leather and Driver Confidence package for LT trims, and two new exterior colors: Iridescent Pearl and Mosaic Black Metallic. The new package includes leather seating, power-folding and auto-dimming mirrors, blind-spot monitoring, and rear cross traffic alert. **Best Buy** If you need to haul seven or eight people, the Traverse makes more financial sense than the Tahoe.

Base Engine 3.6L/281-288-hp/266-270-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 5,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/23-24 mpg 0-60 mph 7.5-8.0 sec*

Vanilla design but with lots of room in the third row.



Chevrolet Trax

Base Price \$21,000-\$27,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Trax combines a compact footprint, plenty of cargo capacity, and the all-weather capability endowed by available AWD. The 1.4-liter, turbo inline-four delivers adequate power but still provides reasonable fuel economy. The Trax also features a 4G LTE Wi-Fi hot spot and Siri Eyes Free functionality. Four new exterior colors are added for 2016: Crimson Metallic, Sable Metallic, Cyber Gray Metallic, and Champagne Silver Metallic. **Avoid** The Trax if you're a tall driver and are always shuttling your tall friends around.

Base Engine 1.4L/138-hp/148-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/4WD, 6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 24-26/31-34 mpg 0-60 mph 9.0-10.1 sec

A subcompact with traction options.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17/25 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.8 sec

Chrysler Town & Country

Base Price \$30,990-\$41,290 **Body Type** Minivan

MINOR As Chrysler turns 90, the Town & Country celebrates with a commemorative Anniversary Edition that takes a midlevel Touring-L trim and adds a power sunroof, first- and second-row seat warmers, a heated steering wheel, keyless entry and ignition, bright door handles, and Anniversary Edition logos. The T&C has long been one of the top three in the segment, and despite the dated gauges and infotainment screen, it shows in details such as the Stow 'n Go seating. **Look For** The next-generation T&C to debut before long.

The higher-end American Contender.

Base Engine 3.6L/283-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 7/2nd-3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 40%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-19/22-25 mpg* **0-60 mph** 6.6-7.9 sec

Dodge Durango

Base Price \$31,500-\$45,000* **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The Durango adds engine stop-start technology for V-6 models and a Sport mode, and it's available with the latest 8.4-inch Uconnect system. All models will feature a new standard wheel or wheel finish, and two new appearance packages are available: the Brass Monkey and Platinum. Red Pearl, Luxury Brown, Light Brownstone, and Ivory Pearl Tri-coat are new exterior colors. **Cool Fact** The Durango fits between three-row crossovers and body-on-frame SUVs, making it the Goldilocks of the anti-minivan camp.

Dodge's go-anywhere-in-luxury option.

Base Engine 3.6L/290-295-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 5.7L/360-hp/390-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD/4WD, 8A
Towing 6,200-7,400 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17/25 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.9 sec

Dodge Grand Caravan

Base Price \$22,790-\$31,990 **Body Type** Minivan

UNCHANGED Although the Grand Caravan had all but left the building last year, the budget version of the popular Chrysler Town & Country has not been discontinued. The Grand Caravan is the least expensive minivan on the market and remains in the No. 1 spot on the Canadian minivan sales chart. The Grand Caravan is powered by a 283-hp, 3.6-liter V-6 and shares the "most powerful minivan" crown with the T&C. **Best Buy** The American Value package for around \$23,000 is the thriftiest way to tote seven people in reasonable comfort.

Canada keeps the flame alive.

Base Engine 3.6L/283-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 7/2nd-3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-19/24-26 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.5-9.0 sec*

Dodge Journey

Base Price \$21,890-\$34,290 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Journey continues on as one of the most affordable three-row crossovers to offer both all-wheel drive and a V-6 engine. The base I-4 is best avoided, as the V-6 is more powerful and only has a 2-mpg fuel economy penalty. For 2016, the three-row crossover goes from seven to five trim levels, adding simplicity to the line. Jazz Blue Pearl and Olive Green have been added as exterior color options, and prices for the SXT and Crossroad have been lowered. **Avoid** Trying to fit adults in the cramped third-row seats.

People-moving without sliding doors.

Base Engine 2.4L/173-hp/166-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/283-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 4A/6A
Towing 1,000-2,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21-25/30-34 mpg **0-60 mph** 8.5-9.0 sec*

Fiat 500X

Base Price \$20,900-\$29,900 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Fiat's answer to the Mini Countryman is quirky, full of Italian charm, and available with vibrant exterior colors. The 500X promises plenty of capability and style wrapped in a retro-inspired package. Features such as the Uconnect infotainment system and safety aids such as forward collision warning, lane departure warning, and blind-spot assist are available on the higher trim levels. **Avoid** The base Pop model because of its limited color palette and lack of features found in higher trims.

Another Italian comes to seduce Americans with its bubblyness and quirky charm.

Base Engine 1.4L/160-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.4L/180-hp/175-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/9A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-22/24-30 mpg **0-60 mph** 5.7-7.5 sec*

Ford Edge/Sport

Base Price \$29,000-\$41,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The unabated success of the new-for-2015 Edge continues strong with new models flying off dealer lots as fast as Ford can make them. We don't expect the Edge to see major changes, but it's possible the two-row crossover could get the Sync 3 infotainment system, which rolls out to the rest of the brand this year. The Edge is offered with three engines: a turbocharged, 2.0-liter I-4, a 3.5-liter V-6, and a twin-turbo, 2.7-liter V-6. **Cool Fact** An Edge Sport lapped *Motor Trend's* figure-eight course just as quickly as a Porsche Macan S.

Ford's popular midsize crossover gets tech savvy and is quicker than its predecessor.

Base Engine 2.0L/245-hp/275-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engines 3.5L/280-hp/250-lb-ft V-6;
 2.7L/315-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 2,000-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

MAX TOW
HALF-TON TRUCK
V-6



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-19/21-26 mpg 0-60 mph 6.0-7.5 sec* | Thoughtful tech makes the F-150 even better.

Base Engine 3.5L/282-hp/253-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 2.7L/325-hp/375-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 5.0L/385-hp/387-lb-ft V-8; 3.5L/365-450-hp/420-450-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6* **Drivetrain** Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A/10A **Towing** 7,600-12,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%



Ford F-150/Raptor

Base Price \$27,500-\$60,000* **Body Type** Pickup

MAJOR Sync 3 is new, as is a compressed natural gas/propane fuel prep package for trucks with the 5.0-liter V-8. The available Pro Trailer Backup Assist feature makes the task of backing up with a trailer as simple as turning a knob. The new Raptor coming for 2017 will use a 10-speed automatic, and the luxurious Limited trim now tops the lineup. **Cool Fact** A line on the F-150's backup camera's image indicates the tow ball's position, making trailer hitching easier.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21-23/28-32 mpg 0-60 mph 6.8-9.5 sec*

Ford Escape

Base Price \$24,345-\$30,630 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The latest Sync 3 infotainment system rolls out this year on the Escape and boasts an improved touch interface and a more intuitive search feature for the navigation system. The SE trim level adds a chrome appearance package that includes leather-accented seats. Three available powertrains include a 2.5-liter inline-four, a slightly more powerful 1.6-liter, turbo inline-four, and a line-topping 2.0-liter, turbo inline-four with 240 hp. **Cool Fact** The Escape's new Electric Spice color is also featured on the Edge Sport.

Base Engine 2.5L/168-hp/170-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.6L/178-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4; 2.0L/240-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 1,500-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

A solid entry in this sizzling segment.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-16/20-22 mpg 0-60 mph 6.5 sec

Ford Expedition/EL

Base Price \$46,290-\$63,840 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Sync 3 infotainment system and one-touch functionality for the power-folding third-row seats are new this year. Otherwise, the Expedition continues to offer plenty of towing capacity and seating for adults in all three rows. The independent rear suspension allows for a flat, spacious cargo area, and the EcoBoost V-6 has us forgetting all about the old V-8. The Expedition has a great heart. We just wish it had the fit and finish to match. **Avoid** The Expedition if you're looking for the latest active safety technology.

Base Engine 3.5L/365-hp/420-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 9,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

You can teach an old dog new tricks, but it's still an old dog.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-19/22-28 mpg 0-60 mph 5.7-8.6 sec*

Ford Explorer

Base Price \$31,645-\$53,545 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The most significant addition is the 2.3-liter EcoBoost turbo-four with 280 hp. All-wheel drive is now available across the board, and a Platinum trim has been added as the range-topping variant. In addition to a silver Ford oval on the steering wheel, the Platinum also includes a special Sony audio system, quilted leather seat accents, and massaging front seats. Exterior styling has also been revised with standard LED headlights. **Cool Fact** The 2.3-liter EcoBoost I-4 is also used in the Ford Mustang and Lincoln MKC.

Base Engine 3.5L/290-hp/255-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 2.3L/280-hp/310-lb-ft turbo I-4; 3.5L/365-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 3,000-5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

A much-needed refresh that makes the turbo-four a viable option.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-18/23-25 mpg 0-60 mph 5.9-7.9 sec

Ford Flex

Base Price \$30,000-\$44,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED SEL and Limited trims offer Sync 3 with new software, new hardware, a more intuitive interface, and upgraded voice recognition that is said to improve the experience over Sync with MyFord Touch. An Appearance package blacks out door handles, window sills, the roof, liftgate trim, front grille, and the standard 20-inch rims. Three new colors are added: Shadow Black, Too Good to Be Blue, and Kona Blue. **Cool Fact** The optional refrigerated second-row console bin has a freeze mode that cools it down to 23 degrees F.

Base Engine 3.5L/287-hp/254-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.5L/365-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 4,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

Remove the EcoBoost badge, and the twin-turbo Flex is a classic sleeper.



EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 8.0-9.5 sec*

Ford Super Duty

Base Price \$33,580-\$71,595 **Body Type** Pickup

UNCHANGED The F-Series Super Duty line is entrenched in a battle for Best in Class, and with 31,200 pounds of towing capacity, it's running in second by a mere 10 pounds, at least until Ford responds. Tow title aside, the Super Duty remains incredibly capable, the available 6.7-liter, turbodiesel V-8 offering 440 horsepower and 860 lb-ft of torque, and the interiors are high-quality. Cold-weather states now get a rapid-heat supplemental cab heater as standard equipment.

Look For The torque war to rage on with Ram.

Base Engine 6.2L/316-385-hp/397-405-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.7L/440-hp/860-lb-ft t'diesel V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 16,100-31,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 56%

Ford sits back, deciding how big its next torque lead should be.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 14/19 mpg; Not Rated (I-5) 0-60 mph 7.6-12.5 sec

Ford Transit

Base Price \$32,155-\$45,190 **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED The Transit is now available with the latest Sync 3 infotainment system, which boasts improved voice recognition, a better touchscreen, upgraded graphics, and faster performance. All vans will include a rearview camera with trailer hitch assist technology. Dual sliding side doors can be equipped on medium- and high-roof vans, as well. Cutaways and chassis cabs have the option to put the backup camera display on the rearview mirror.

Cool Fact The Transit has a total of 58 vehicle configurations.

Base Engine 3.7L/275-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 3.5L/310-hp/400-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 3.2L/185-hp/350-lb-ft t'diesel I-5
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 2-15/none
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

Nearly as many combinations as Ben and Jerry's.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-22/28-30 mpg 0-60 mph 8.7-10.2 sec

Ford Transit Connect

Base Price \$23,555-\$30,180 **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED Vans shipped to non-CARB states with the 2.5-liter I-4 will have standard flex-fuel capability, allowing them to run on E85. Vans with remote start will also get a perimeter alarm at no additional cost. Wagon Titanium variants will gain standard fold-flat second-row bucket seats, and a blind-spot information system with cross traffic alert is optional for XLT and Titanium models.

Cool Fact The Transit Connect Wagon is endorsed by Tall Clubs International as the best vehicle for the vertically gifted.

Base Engine 2.5L/169-hp/171-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/178-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 2-7/2nd-3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

The versatile Transit Connect gets even more flexible.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/23-24 mpg 0-60 mph 7.7-8.4 sec*

GMC Acadia

Base Price \$31,900-\$51,210 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The Acadia is surprisingly capable, with seats for up to eight people and a standard V-6 engine. The SL cost leader trim last seen in 2012 returns to anchor the lineup, dropping the price of entry by \$3,000 from 2015's model. All SUVs now come with OnStar 4G LTE and a built-in Wi-Fi hot spot. Two new paint color options are added: Ebony Twilight Metallic and White Frost Tricoat.

Cool Fact The Acadia Denali's acoustic package makes it the quietest version of the crossover.

Base Engine 3.6L/281-288-hp/266-270-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 5,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

Three rows for less than a Yukon.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-22/24-31 mpg* 0-60 mph 7.4-9.3 sec

GMC Canyon

Base Price \$22,000-\$40,000* **Body Type** Pickup

MAJOR The GMC Canyon provides buyers with a more upscale alternative to the Chevrolet Colorado, our 2015 Truck of the Year. Like the Chevy, the Canyon has a pair of engines that will be joined by a torque-rich and fuel-efficient 2.8-liter, turbodiesel inline-four later on in 2016. The "Baby Sierra" styling gives the Canyon a distinct look, helping it feel less like the badge-engineered effort of the past.

Avoid Going crazy with the options, as the Canyon can easily be optioned into full-size truck pricing territory.

Base Engine 2.5L/200-hp/191-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 3.6L/305-hp/269-lb-ft V-6; 2.8L/181-hp/369-lb-ft t'diesel I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6M/6A
Towing 3,500-7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 56%

Badge engineering done right.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-18/21-24 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.0-7.4 sec*

GMC Sierra

Base Price \$28,000-\$54,500* **Body Type** Pickup

MAJOR Styling is the main reason to choose the Sierra over the Silverado. Or brand cachet if that's important to you. This year, the 5.3-liter V-8 will also be offered with the eight-speed automatic, likely on specific trims only. New LED headlights and signature daytime running lights join the face-lifted sheetmetal, and C-shaped taillights round out the look in back. Want luxury? Try the Denali trim if the Silverado's High Country model isn't the right fit for you. **Look For** The eight-speed auto to completely replace the old six-speed eventually.

GMC keeps the basic truck formula but makes luxury an option.

MPG KING
FULL-SIZE TRUCK
V-8

Base Engine 4.3L/285-hp/305-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engines 5.3L/355-hp/383-lb-ft V-8; 6.2L/420-hp/460-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A/8A
Towing 7,600-12,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 56%



GMC Sierra HD

Base Price \$33,500-\$66,000* **Body Type** Pickup

UNCHANGED After benefiting from a round of changes last year, gifting the Sierra HD with a much-improved interior and handsome styling, GMC doesn't seem concerned with the escalating torque battle between Ford and Ram. Although not best in class, the Duramax's 765 lb-ft of torque is nothing to scoff at, and the Sierra HD is not only quiet and comfortable but also easy to use for towing and hauling. **Best Buy** If looks are important, the Sierra HD is about the same price as a Silverado HD but looks much better.

Base Engine 6.0L/360-hp/380-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.6L/397-hp/765-lb-ft t'diesel V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 14,800-23,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 3-4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%

EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 7.0-8.3 sec*

Who cares about best-in-class numbers when you have this much chrome and capability?



GMC Terrain

Base Price \$25,500-\$37,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The Terrain benefits from a new grille, LED daytime running lights, power dome hood design, a revised rear fascia, and other subtle cosmetic changes. Inside, the crossover gets new upholstery choices, including Saddle Up leather in the SLT trim and two-tone titanium and black leather in the Denali grade. New 18- and 19-inch wheel designs have been added. 4G LTE connection is available but costs extra after the trial period ends. **Cool Fact** The Terrain attracts the highest rate of female buyers of any GMC vehicle.

Base Engine 2.4L/182-hp/172-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/301-hp/272-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 1,500-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-22/23-32 mpg 0-60 mph 6.8-9.6 sec*

Segment-straddling crossover gets updated but no less boxy.



GMC Yukon/XL

Base Price \$49,000-\$72,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Yukon/XL sees only small changes, gaining a standard hands-free liftgate for midgrade SLT models and a capless fuel filler across the line for 2016. The Enhanced Driver Alert package brings lane keeping assistance and the IntelliBeam high-beam control system. Two new exterior colors are added: Crimson Red Tintcoat for all trims and White Frost Tintcoat for SLT and Denali only. **Cool Fact** The unique Safety Alert Seat uses sudden vibrations to alert drivers of possible upcoming danger.

Base Engine 5.3L/355-hp/383-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.2L/420-hp/460-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A/8A
Towing 8,300-8,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-16/20-23 mpg 0-60 mph 6.1-6.8 sec*

The Denali is Escalade-luxurious without the look-at-me exterior.



Honda CR-V

Base Price \$24,500-\$34,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The redesign last year was good enough for us to name the CR-V our 2015 SUV of the Year. We praised the engine as a return to form, and even liked the CVT. The lane keeping assist system, which is joined by adaptive cruise control and an auto-braking collision avoidance system, earned accolades, too. The ride is great and feels controlled but never harsh. With the new HR-V in dealerships, the CR-V is no longer Honda's least expensive or smallest SUV. **Best Buy** Only the Touring will do if you must have a power liftgate.

Base Engine 2.4L/185-hp/181-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, CVT
Towing 1,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 26-27/33-34 mpg 0-60 mph 8.3-8.5 sec*

Honda proves it's still got it.



Honda HR-V

Base Price \$19,995-\$22,045 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Slotting below the CR-V, the new Honda HR-V offers plenty of practicality for its size thanks to the rear Magic Seat and its numerous configurations. This enables the HR-V to swallow up to 58.8 cubic feet of stuff and items up to 8 feet long and 4 feet tall. Available features include LaneWatch, navigation with a 7-inch touchscreen, and leather upholstery. **Cool Fact** Every HR-V comes with an auto-brake hold feature that automatically keeps the brake applied at long stoplights and lifts when you touch the accelerator pedal.

Base Engine 1.8L/141-hp/127-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/CVT
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy 25-28/32-35 mpg 0-60 mph 8.5-9.5 sec*

Honda's baby crossover is a little slow but very capable.



Honda Odyssey

Base Price \$30,000-\$45,500* **Body Type** Minivan

UNCHANGED The Odyssey continues to offer features that make it a family favorite: an available built-in vacuum, a chiller box, and a flip-up trash-bag ring. The Odyssey, which seats up to eight and has a 16.2-inch rear entertainment system, makes quick work of keeping the kids entertained and the van clean. The Honda's set of talents should place it on your short list if your family includes many children. **Look For** Honda to roll out a new Odyssey in the next few years, around the same time Chrysler introduces a new Town & Country.

Base Engine 3.5L/248-hp/250-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 7-8/3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19/28 mpg 0-60 mph 7.4 sec

Thoughtful small details make all the difference.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-20/26-27 mpg 0-60 mph 7.8-8.2 sec*

Honda Pilot

Base Price \$30,875-\$47,300 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Lighter and larger than the model it replaces, the seven- or eight-passenger Pilot returns with a revised V-6 engine and an available nine-speed transmission. Enhancements include a new interior design with a more logical control layout and an 8-inch touchscreen. A slew of available safety features includes lane departure warning and adaptive cruise control. **Best Buy** For luxury features, go Elite and get heated/cooled front seats, heated second-row seats, a panoramic glass roof, 20-inch wheels, and more.

Like a three-row CR-V for large families.

Base Engine 3.5L/280-hp/262-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/9A
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 54%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-18/22-25 mpg 0-60 mph 7.2 sec

Hyundai Santa Fe

Base Price \$31,295-\$41,795 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The three-row Santa Fe could get some exterior tweaks in the next couple years. With a choice of six or seven seats, Hyundai's only three-row vehicle is a family-friendly crossover. It offers plenty of room for people or gear. The Limited adds second-row captain's chairs, an available panoramic sunroof, and an Infinity premium audio system. A 290-hp, 3.3-liter V-6 engine with 252 lb-ft of torque is standard on every Santa Fe. **Best Buy** Both trims offer plenty of value for the money and a wide array of available features.

The more family-friendly of the two Santa Fes.

Base Engine 3.3L/290-hp/252-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-20/24-27 mpg 0-60 mph 8.5-9.3 sec

Hyundai Santa Fe Sport

Base Price \$25,845-\$38,245 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Santa Fe Sport enters 2016 without significant changes. Competing with the Ford Edge and Nissan Murano, the two-row crossover has a standard 190-hp, 2.4-liter engine and an optional 2.0-liter, turbo I-4. A refreshed model next year might include adaptive cruise control and a front collision braking system. In a recent comparison, a Santa Fe Sport placed second, ahead of a Ford Edge but behind a Nissan Murano. **Avoid** Confusing the Santa Fe Sport with the three-row, V-6-powered Santa Fe.

Not really as sporty as its name suggests.

Base Engine 2.4L/190-hp/181-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/265-hp/269-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21-26/26-33 mpg; 49/51 mpg-e 0-60 mph 7.5-12.5 sec*

Hyundai Tucson/Fuel Cell

Base Price \$23,000-\$28,500* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Looking more upscale than ever, the 2016 Tucson returns with equipment not often found in mainstream crossovers. Full LED headlights, an 8-inch infotainment touchscreen, and safety aids such as auto emergency braking and blind-spot warning are among available features. The Eco model promises to have the best fuel economy in the Tucson range, aside from the low-volume Fuel Cell model (for lease in SoCal only). **Cool Fact** The Fuel Cell's \$2,999 down/\$499 per month/36-month lease includes free hydrogen refueling.

A stylish, value-oriented crossover that's ready to challenge the CR-V and Escape.

Base Engine 2.0L/164-hp/151-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 1.6L/175-hp/195-lb-ft turbo I-4; hydrogen fuel cell elec, 134 hp/221 lb-ft
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 1A/6A/7-sp twin-cl auto
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 24/32 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.9 sec*

Infiniti QX30 (2017)

Base Price \$33,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The new QX30 is Infiniti's upcoming entry-level crossover. It's based on the Mercedes-Benz GLA-Class, which is a blast to drive in AMG form. At least at first, expect the QX30 to have the GLA250's turbo-four and seven-speed dual-clutch automatic powering a rear-biased all-wheel-drive system, which bodes well for sporty driving. Let's just hope Infiniti doesn't tone down the styling too much from the concept pictured here for production. **Look For** The QX30 to reach dealerships in the summer of 2016.

Infiniti puts a horse in the entry-luxe SUV race.

Base Engine 2.0L/208-hp/258-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 7-sp twin-cl auto*
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17/24-25 mpg* 0-60 mph 5.5-6.2 sec*

Infiniti QX50

Base Price \$37,000-\$38,500* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The 2016 QX50 gains a wheelbase 3.2 inches longer than the outgoing model's for 4.3 inches of extra rear-seat legroom and a slightly larger cargo area. Exterior changes include a revised front fascia that puts it in line with the rest of the Infiniti lineup, LED foglights and daytime running lights, and a new 19-inch wheel design. The only engine available remains a 325-hp, 3.7-liter V-6 paired to a seven-speed automatic. **Cool Fact** The QX50 was first introduced as the EX35 for the 2008 model year.

Despite the refresh, the QX50 is way past its expiration date.

Base Engine 3.7L/325-hp/267-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 7A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%



Infiniti QX60

Base Price \$43,500-\$46,500* **Body Type** SUV

MINOR We expect the QX60 to show up to the 2016 Detroit auto show with some changes—most likely cosmetic—but don't rule out powertrain upgrades. With fuel-efficient turbo-fours being introduced lower in the Infiniti lineup in the next couple years, one could make its way up to the QX60. The biggest draw of the Infiniti over the related Pathfinder is the interior quality, with its high-grade leather, textured wood, and soft plastics. The three-row QX60 is Infiniti's best-selling vehicle behind the Q50 sedan. **Look For** Changes for 2017.

Base Engine 3.5L/265-hp/248-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 2.5L s'chg'd I-4 + elec, 250 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, CVT
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-26/26-28 mpg 0-60 mph 8.0-8.2 sec

A fine conveyance for those without off-road pretensions.



Infiniti QX70

Base Price \$46,845-\$54,695 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED Since the 2015 model year, the QX70 is only powered by a 3.7-liter V-6, with the formerly available 5.0-liter V-8 discontinued. The two-row crossover was impressive when it debuted and offers premium features such as the Around View multicamera parking system and adaptive cruise control. Despite the aging platform, it's a comfortable, nicely appointed, and attractive crossover. We do miss that V-8, though. **Look For** Updates in the next few years, but don't expect anything groundbreaking soon.

Base Engine 3.7L/325-hp/267-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 7A
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/22-24 mpg 0-60 mph 6.1 sec

Same solid recipe, but we're starting to get tired of the same old taste.



Infiniti QX80

Base Price \$64,500-\$90,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Limited model, new last year, is not only the most expensive but also the most emblematic iteration of the big luxury SUV. It doesn't like corners, and it costs nearly \$100,000. But once you're inside, you realize that it floats over bumps and potholes, and the only thing you can hear from your Truffle Brown leather throne is the effortless rise and fall of the V-8 as it twists out forward motion. **Cool Fact** Optional Hydraulic Body Motion Control replaces the anti-roll bars and aims to provide a level ride with controlled handling.

Base Engine 5.6L/400-hp/413-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 7A
Towing 8,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/60,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-14/19-20 mpg 0-60 mph 6.3 sec

Old-school American luxury, Japanese attention to detail.



Jaguar F-Pace

Base Price \$53,000-\$63,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Jaguar's first foray into the premium crossover segment is slated to arrive sometime in 2016 and promises to be a performance-oriented machine. Based on the C-X17 concept, the F-Pace is projected to feature a seductive exterior design that will distinguish it from the competition. All-wheel drive will likely be standard, and Jaguar Land Rover's Ingenium gas and diesel turbo-four engines and the current supercharged V-6 are expected offerings. **Look For** A svelte crossover with sharp claws and sporting intentions.

Base Engine 2.0L/180-hp/318-lb-ft t'diesel I-4*
Opt Engines 2.0L/260-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*; 3.0L/340-380-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6*
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A*
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-25/26-35 mpg* 0-60 mph 5.5-7.5 sec*

Eagerly awaiting the long-overdue arrival of Jag's first production SUV.



Jeep Cherokee/Trailhawk

Base Price \$24,290-\$31,590 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Cherokee gets two new exterior color options: Rhino Clear Coat and Light Brownstone. Inside, the steering column tilt, instrument cluster, and front seats are all enhanced, and the latest Uconnect system is introduced. The neatest addition is the Drag and Drop Menu Bar, which allows owners to put anything from Travel Link and Yelp to heated or cooled seat controls on the Uconnect main menu bar. **Cool Fact** The Cherokee was a finalist in our 2015 SUV of the Year competition and a favorite in our long-term fleet.

Base Engine 2.4L/184-hp/171-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.2L/271-hp/239-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD/4WD, 9A
Towing 2,000-4,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-22/25-31 mpg 0-60 mph 7.5-9.8 sec*

One of the few crossovers to deliver on the off-road promise its styling makes.



Jeep Compass

Base Price \$20,390-\$27,685 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Compass continues on and will be available in two trim levels, with a new SE package being introduced for Sport models. New features for the 2016 model year will include Uconnect hands-free and SiriusXM Radio with a one-year subscription. Latitude models get automatic headlights as standard equipment. Mojave Sand is added as an exterior paint color. **Cool Fact** With 39.9 inches of headroom and 39.4 inches of legroom, the second row is a nice place to spend time for a small SUV.

Base Engine 2.0L/158-hp/141-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.4L/172-hp/165-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 5M/6A/CVT
Towing 1,000-2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-23/23-30 mpg 0-60 mph 9.2-10.5 sec*

By now, you know what you're getting.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-22/19-30 mpg* 0-60 mph 4.4-7.8 sec*

Jeep Grand Cherokee/SRT

Base Price \$31,000-\$66,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR 2016 will herald fuel economy improvements for the 3.6-liter V-6 and 5.7-liter V-8 models; credit electric power steering, more efficient tires, and the V-6's new engine stop-start and two-step variable valve lift. All models get some aluminum suspension components. The SRT gets a new instrument gauge cluster and a new Valet restricted drive mode, and it shares the new Ivory Pearl Tri-coat paint with the Overland and Summit. **Look For** The introduction of a Maserati SUV and a three-row Jeep Grand Wagoneer in the years ahead.

Base Engine 3.6L/295-hp/265-lb-ft V-6*
Opt Engines 3.0L/240-hp/420-lb-ft t'diesel V-6; 5.7L/360-hp/390-lb-ft V-8; 6.4L/475-hp/470-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD/4WD, 8A
Towing 6,200-7,400 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 (or 5) stars RWD (4WD)
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

The Jeep for grown-ups.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-23/23-30 mpg 0-60 mph 9.5-10.5 sec*

Jeep Patriot

Base Price \$18,290-\$27,285 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED If you're not an early adopter and avoid newly launched models like the plague, the Patriot might be a viable consideration over the recently introduced Renegade. The seasoned Patriot sees all the same changes as the Compass, but it starts at a lower price. If you like affordable and roomy but don't mind the circa-2007 sheetmetal, the Patriot's pair of inline-four engines offer reasonable fuel economy, as well. **Driver's Choice** The Trail Rated Patriot is a lot more capable than you might think.

Base Engine 2.0L/158-hp/141-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.4L/172-hp/165-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 5M/6A/CVT
Towing 1,000-2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

If "Mini-Grand Cherokee" isn't your style, the Patriot is your cheap Jeep.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21-24/29-31 mpg 0-60 mph 8.5-9.1 sec*

Jeep Renegade/Trailhawk

Base Price \$19,000-\$27,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED New features include Beats premium audio, rain-sensing wipers, and two new exterior color options: Granite Crystal Metallic and Jetset Blue Metallic Clear Coat. The 1.4-liter I-4 is paired with a six-speed manual, and the 2.4-liter matches to a nine-speed automatic. The Renegade is assembled in Italy, making it the first foreign-built Jeep sold in the U.S. **Cool Fact** The Trailhawk's Jeep Active Drive Low all-wheel-drive setup utilizes a 20:1 final first-gear ratio for more precise low-speed maneuvering.

Base Engine 1.4L/160-hp/184-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.4L/180-hp/175-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/9A
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

The newest small Jeep still has that characteristic brand charm.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/20-21 mpg 0-60 mph 6.6-8.4 sec

Jeep Wrangler/Unlimited

Base Price \$24,190-\$41,690 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The new Black Bear Special Edition sports a topographical hood decal, blacked-out grille, gray bumpers, and a leather steering wheel with accent stitching. The Sahara model is also updated with a body-color bumper, special 18-inch wheels, a new "Sahara" logo, and optional Olive Green leather seats with Cattle Tan accent stitching. **Cool Fact** The Rubicon Hard Rock Edition offers electronic locking front and rear Dana 44 axles, a crawl ratio of 73.1:1 with the six-speed manual, and an Alpine nine-speaker sound system.

Base Engine 3.6L/285-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 5A/6M
Towing 2,000-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 74%

As the segment thins, the Wrangler remains.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-18/22-25 mpg 0-60 mph 7.8 sec

Kia Sedona

Base Price \$27,295-\$40,795 **Body Type** Minivan

UNCHANGED After a full redesign for 2015, the Sedona carries over with trim changes for the 2016 model year. All trims now come with a rearview camera as standard, and the SXL grade now has chrome accents on the side sills. The L and LX trims have a new pattern for the cloth upholstery, and the EX has heated front seats as standard. SXL models are now available with an eight-passenger configuration when equipped with the Technology package. **Look For** Luxury car levels of comfort and amenities in the SXL.

Base Engine 3.3L/276-hp/248-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 7-8/3rd row
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

From an also-ran to a comparison-test winner.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-21/23-29 mpg 0-60 mph 7.3-9.5 sec*

Kia Sorento

Base Price \$25,795-\$43,995 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Despite its evolutionary exterior design, the Kia Sorento remains as stylish as ever and is now available with a 2.0-liter turbo-four. Models with Limited trim—the most luxurious Sorentos—get Nappa leather, wood trim on the steering wheel, navigation with an 8-inch touchscreen, a 360-degree camera system, and forward collision warning. The interior has up to 73.5 cubic feet of cargo space with the second and third rows folded. **Best Buy** Models with the turbo I-4 or V-6 provide plenty of power for hauling people and/or gear.

Base Engine 2.4L/185-hp/178-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engines 2.0L/240-hp/260-lb-ft turbo I-4; 3.3L/290-hp/252-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 2,000-5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

Stylish but practical and useful for the family.



Kia Sportage

Base Price \$23,045-\$32,385 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Sportage LX's Popular package now comes with a rearview camera and auto on/off headlights. EX models now have hands-free keyless entry/start as standard, and the EX's Premium package includes front foglights, heated outside mirrors, and a cooled glove box. The range-topping SX variant remains unchanged and comes standard with a 260-horsepower, 2.0-liter, turbo inline-four, HID headlights, navigation, and 18-inch alloy wheels. **Look For** An all-new Sportage next year.

Base Engine 2.4L/180-182-hp/176-177-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/260-hp/269-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4/5 stars (FWD/AWD)
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-21/25-28 mpg 0-60 mph 7.3-9.0 sec*

Still attractive despite its age.



Land Rover Discovery Sport

Base Price \$38,450 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED Land Rover's InControl Protect is now standard on all Discovery Sport models and adds features such as SOS emergency assistance and roadside assistance. The InControl remote feature gains the ability to lock and unlock doors and has remote start and other new features. A 5+2 configuration is available in the Discovery Sport, but it eats into the available cargo room behind the second row and doesn't offer much passenger space. **Look For** A four-cylinder turbodiesel engine in the near future.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/251-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 9A
Towing 4,400 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20/26 mpg 0-60 mph 7.8 sec*

Style and practicality wrapped in one package.



Land Rover LR4

Base Price \$51,395 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The LR4's infotainment system gets a refresh, increasing usability and adding a new home screen with easier access to navigation, phone, and audio settings. One new exterior color, Waitomo Grey, has been added to the LR4's color palette. A 340-horsepower, 3.0-liter, supercharged V-6 remains the only engine available, and it's paired to an eight-speed automatic transmission. **Look For** A replacement wearing the Discovery nameplate and using a range of new diesel and gas engines sometime in late 2016.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 8A
Towing 7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 15/19 mpg 0-60 mph 7.0 sec*

Say goodbye to the LR4 and welcome back to the Discovery nameplate.



Land Rover Range Rover

Base Price \$85,945-\$200,490 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The 2016 Range Rover adds a long-awaited six-cylinder diesel variant called the Td6. On the other end of the spectrum is the ultra-luxurious Range Rover SVAutobiography, an ultra-high-end model that can be specified with a two-tone exterior paint scheme, knurled metal buttons and knobs, wood veneer, sliding luggage floor, retractable tables, and a drinks chiller. **Best Buy** The HSE trim's 380-hp, supercharged V-6 has plenty of power and can be had with a hands-free gesture-controlled power tailgate.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/380-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6; 3.0L/254-hp/440-lb-ft t'diesel V-6; 5.0L/510-550-hp/461-502-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 8A
Towing 7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 44%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-22/19-28 mpg* 0-60 mph 5.0-7.8 sec*

Range Rover gets updated before Bentley and Rolls-Royce SUVs arrive on the scene.



Land Rover Range Rover Evoque

Base Price \$42,470-\$47,670 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR One of the sexiest small SUVs is now available with full LED headlights, new alloy wheels, an 8-inch touchscreen infotainment system, a gesture-controlled power tailgate, and two new grille and body kit designs. Interior changes include new seats and door casings that come in new colors, such as Lunar Ice, Vintage Tan, and Dark Cherry. New safety aids include auto emergency braking, lane keeping assist, and a driver drowsiness monitor. **Best Buy** Four-door variants offer a great combination of style, capability, and practicality.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/250-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 9A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 49%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 21/30 mpg 0-60 mph 7.4 sec

Attractive and capable but a bit pricey.



Land Rover Range Rover Sport SVR

Base Price \$65,945-\$112,345 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The new high-performance Range Rover Sport SVR comes with a 550-hp, supercharged V-8. A diesel-powered model called the Td6 will also be offered and promises improved fuel economy without sacrificing the SUV's renowned off-road capability. New features include a gesture-controlled power liftgate, automatic height access, and All-Terrain Progress Control with a low-speed cruise/crawl control mode. **Driver's Choice** The Range Rover Sport SVR is the all-terrain luxury performance SUV with room for up to seven.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/380-hp/332-lb-ft s'chg'd V-6; 3.0L/254-hp/440-lb-ft t'diesel V-6; 5.0L/510-550-hp/461-502-lb-ft s'chg'd V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 8A
Towing 7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-22/19-28 mpg* 0-60 mph 4.4-7.8 sec*

A great performer on all roads.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15/20 mpg 0-60 mph 6.9 sec

Lexus GX

Base Price \$51,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The GX continues on without any significant changes, but it adds Sepia NuLuxe, the automaker's synthetic leather, to the base trim level. Lexus Enform Remote is newly added and allows owners to lock/unlock the doors, start and stop the engine and HVAC system, monitor guest drivers, and receive vehicle status updates, all through a smartphone application. As with many three-row SUVs, the way back row is best for short trips only. **Cool Fact** The GX means business on the trail, with low range and a dynamic anti-roll bar system.

This luxury off-roader can hang with the best.

Base Engine 4.6L/301-hp/329-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 6A
Towing 6,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 13/18 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.5 sec*

Lexus LX

Base Price \$84,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The LX gets a redesigned one-piece spindle grille, new taillights, new rear bumper, LED exterior lighting elements, and new 10-spoke, 20-inch wheels (2015 model pictured). Inside, the LX is nicely touched up, with more technology and content in the packages already available and the latest Enform infotainment and connectivity. A new eight-speed automatic, which should improve fuel economy and vehicle response, replaces the aging six-speed. **Cool Fact** The LX is as capable off-road as the legendary Land Cruiser.

A much-needed update injects the LX with more technology.

Base Engine 5.7L/383-hp/403-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 8A
Towing 7,000 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 55%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 22-35/27-31 mpg 0-60 mph 7.0-8.3 sec

Lexus NX

Base Price \$35,500-\$41,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED As the NX is just starting to gain its footing, 2016 will bring only a few substitutions to the exterior color palette: Amber replaces Fire Agate Pearl, Bright Blue Metallic replaces Meteor Blue Metallic, and Ultra White replaces Eminent White Pearl for F Sport models. Otherwise, it's business as usual for the new crossover, which boasts aggressive styling, the brand's first turbo-four, and an efficient hybrid variant. **Driver's Choice** The NX 200t F Sport makes the most of what the crossover has to offer.

Lexus knows how to do luxury crossover, and the NX is another hit.

Base Engine 2.0L/235-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.5L I-4 + elec, 194 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/CVT
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-34/26-30 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.5-7.5 sec*

Lexus RX

Base Price \$42,500-\$49,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The aggressively designed 2016 Lexus RX continues the brand's move toward bold, eye-catching style. Equipped with two updated six-cylinder powertrains that produce about 300 horsepower, the new RX is more powerful and economical than before. The F Sport trim, now offered on both engines, promises better handling by adding an active stabilizer system to keep body roll to a minimum. **Cool Fact** The 2016 RX's 12.3-inch infotainment screen will be one of the largest in its class.

Motor Trend's first-ever SUV of the Year (1999) gets a bold redesign.

Base Engine 3.5L/300-hp/270-lb-ft V-6*
Opt Engine 3.5L V-6 + elec, 300 hp*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 8A/CVT
Towing 3,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-20/26-29 mpg 0-60 mph 6.5-7.6 sec

Lincoln MKC

Base Price \$34,185-\$41,650 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED We expect the MKC to enter its second year unchanged. When you approach the crossover, the lights illuminate and a welcome mat with the Lincoln logo is projected onto the ground. In a comparison, we found the MKC had great ride and leather quality, but we wanted a higher seat height and a more responsive throttle; the MKC finished fourth, ahead of a Volvo XC60 but behind a Range Rover Evoque, BMW X3, and Lexus NX. **Cool Fact** The welcome theatrics begin once you're within 10 feet of the MKC.

Lincoln leaves the dark days of bad badge engineering behind.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/270-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.3L/285-hp/305-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 3,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/23-25 mpg 0-60 mph 6.1-7.7 sec

Lincoln MKT

Base Price \$44,500-\$46,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The luxurious three-row crossover will continue to offer buyers a pair of V-6 engines, a 3.7-liter paired to front-drive and a 3.5-liter for all-wheel drive. The MKT does rear-seat luxury well, offering heating and ventilation for the second row captain's chairs, a refrigerated second row center console, power-folding third-row seats, and high-quality Bridge of Weir leather. The standard Vista Roof lets plenty of light into the first two rows, helping to open up the cabin. **Look For** A Lincoln-branded Sync 3 system to arrive soon.

A staple of the livery industry.

Base Engine 3.7L/303-hp/278-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.5L/365-hp/350-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 2,000-4,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%



Lincoln MKX

Base Price \$39,025-\$43,520 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The MKX will take the lessons Lincoln learned on the MKC and apply them to the midsize. Walk-up welcome theatrics light up a welcome mat, ambient lighting complements the high-quality materials and quiet cabin, and a pair of V-6 engines will provide two levels of performance: adequate and ridiculous. With the more powerful twin-turbo V-6, the Edge, which underpins the MKX, posted a 5.7-second 0-60 mph run. **Driver's Choice** The AWD MKX with the twin-turbo, 2.7-liter V-6 is sure to be a hoot.

Base Engine 3.7L/300-hp/280-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 2.7L/335-hp/380-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 2,000-3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

The Lexus RX-ready MKX has a sporting edge to its lavish luxury.

Lincoln Navigator/L

Base Price \$64,285-\$66,650 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The adage "Americans buy horsepower but drive torque" comes to mind when considering the Lincoln Navigator. With all 460 lb-ft from a twin-turbo V-6 available at 2,750 rpm, the big SUV feels gutsy around town and effortless on the highway. The main disadvantages versus the longtime bogey Cadillac Escalade are the interior quality and limited tech options, and the huge price gap between the two reflects that. **Driver's Choice** The L's extra wheelbase length makes all the difference in ride quality.

Base Engine 3.5L/380-hp/460-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 6A
Towing 9,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

Go big for comfort.

Mazda CX-3

Base Price \$20,840-\$22,090 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The latest model to feature Mazda's full suite of Skyactiv technologies, the CX-3 promises to be the driver's choice in the growing small crossover segment. Based on the subcompact Mazda2, the CX-3 is shorter than the Mazda3 and has more ground clearance. Mazda's intuitive infotainment system, a head-up display, adaptive cruise control, forward emergency braking, and forward collision warning will all be available. **Cool Fact** Mazda's Skyactiv-G engines have ultra-high compression ratios of at least 13:1.

Base Engine 2.0L/146-hp/146-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

A taller, puffed-up Mazda2 for those who think hatchbacks aren't cool.

Mazda CX-5

Base Price \$22,675-\$30,350 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The Mazda CX-5 receives a slightly revised exterior, and interior styling features LED lighting and a new dash. Mazda's new infotainment system, adaptive cruise control, forward emergency braking, and lane departure warning are now available in the CX-5. Refinement has also been improved thanks to better interior materials, and Mazda's revised suspension smooths the crossover's ride. **Best Buy** CX-5s equipped with the 2.5-liter I-4 provide the best balance of power and fuel economy.

Base Engine 2.0L/155-hp/150-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.5L/184-hp/185-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/6A
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

The driver's crossover now with better technology and safety.

Mazda CX-9 (2017)

Base Price \$31,000-\$33,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW An all-new CX-9 is slated to arrive sometime next year with the full suite of Mazda's Skyactiv technologies. Rumored to be lighter and more efficient than the current CX-9 (pictured), the new model should be one of the most efficient entries in the three-row crossover segment. Additionally, it's possible that the CX-9 will be the first application of the rumored turbocharged, 2.5-liter Skyactiv I-4, which could make close to 300 hp. **Look For** Sporty driving dynamics, one of the current-gen CX-9's distinguishing features.

Base Engine 2.5L/184-hp/185-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engine 2.5L/300-hp/295-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A*
Towing 3,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%*

The three-row crossover that could make driving fun again.

Mercedes-Benz G-Class/G65

Base Price \$117,000*-\$218,825 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Well, it's official. We're getting the Mercedes-AMG G65 in 2016. The G-Wagen continues to combine luxury and off-road capability, now with a twin-turbo V-12. The new G65 will be incredibly exclusive, however, with a starting price of \$218,825. The G-Class remains as capable off-road as it is luxurious, and it stays essentially the same as it enters what could be its last couple years before a major redesign. **Look For** A new G-Class to debut in 2017 with more engine options.

Base Engine 5.5L/382-hp/391-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 5.5L/536-hp/560-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 6.0L/621-hp/738-lb-ft twin-turbo V-12
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 7A
Towing 7,000 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

As appealing as ever but now with an available V-12.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-17/23-26 mpg 0-60 mph 5.7-7.2 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-16/19-22 mpg 0-60 mph 6.2 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy 27-29/32-35 mpg 0-60 mph 8.6 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy 24-26/30-35 mpg 0-60 mph 7.8-9.3 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-21/25-30 mpg* 0-60 mph 7.1-9.1 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy 12/14-15 mpg* 0-60 mph 4.8-6.1 sec*



EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-19/17-26 mpg **0-60 mph** 4.7-7.5 sec

Mercedes-Benz GL-Class/GL63

Base Price \$65,475-\$122,025 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The three-row GL-Class doesn't see any changes for 2016, except for including five years of the Mbrace telematics service and the deletion of Cinnabar Red metallic paint as an exterior color option. The GL still offers four engines, each with a clear step from economy to performance from the diesel to the AMG. The GL is a capable, luxury-packed, technologically advanced SUV alternative to the outlandishly expensive G-Class. **Cool Fact** The GL450 placed second in a six-SUV comparison test, behind the Cadillac Escalade.

Base Engine 3.0L/240-hp/455-lb-ft t'diesel V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/362-hp/369-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 4.7L/429-hp/516-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8; 5.5L/550-hp/560-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 7A
Towing 7,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

Three rows? Check. Towing? Check. Luxury? Check.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-25/29-35 mpg* **0-60 mph** 4.2-6.9 sec*

Mercedes-Benz GLA-Class/GLA45

Base Price \$32,500-\$50,000* **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The GLA45 enters 2016 with 20 hp and 18 lb-ft more than before and with more aggressive transmission gearing to match. The latest infotainment system is now offered on the 7-inch screen. Hands-free keyless start, dual-zone climate control, dynamic select drive modes, and seat cushion length adjustment are all made standard equipment. Kryptonite Green metallic replaces Universe Blue as an exterior color option. **Driver's Choice** The comparison-winning GLA45 is one of the best-handling vehicles in the segment.

Base Engine 2.0L/208-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/375-hp/350-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 7-sp twin-cl auto
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

SUV? Hatchback? Who cares when it's this much fun?



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21/29 mpg* **0-60 mph** 6.5 sec*

Mercedes-Benz GLC-Class

Base Price \$39,875-\$41,875 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Just in time for the full redesign, the GLK-Class has been renamed the GLC-Class. The new GLC300 lost as many as 176 pounds and will launch with a turbo inline-four cribbed from the C-Class and paired with an in-house nine-speed automatic and either rear- or all-wheel drive. Inside, the quieter cabin takes design cues from the GL-E- and C-Class. Interior passenger space has increased, as well. **Look For** The diesel GLC300d and plug-in hybrid GLC350e to arrive later in the 2017 and 2018 model years, respectively.

Base Engine 2.0L/241-hp/273-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 9A
Towing 3,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

No longer needs to emphasize "compact" as much, thanks to the GLA.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-22/17-29 mpg* **0-60 mph** 4.2-8.9 sec*

Mercedes-Benz GLE-Class/GLE550e PHEV/GLE63 S

Base Price \$52,025-\$108,025 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Formerly known as the M-Class, the 2016 GLE-Class adds a PHEV variant and a more powerful AMG S version. Other changes include a new front fascia that first appeared on the GLE Coupe and a new infotainment screen. PHEV variants are able to travel up to a manufacturer-claimed 18.6 miles on electric power and take roughly two hours to fully charge with a 220-volt power outlet.

Best Buy The GLE300d 4Matic diesel provides a good balance of power, practicality, all-weather capability, and fuel efficiency.

Base Engine 3.5L/302-hp/273-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 2.1L/201-hp/369-lb-ft t'diesel I-4; 3.0L/329-hp/354-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6; 3.0L twin-turbo V-6 + elec, 436 hp; 5.5L/550-577-hp/516-561-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD, 7A/9A
Towing 6,600-7,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+

A luxury crossover that offers something for the performance junkie and the eco-conscious.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-18/20-23 mpg* **0-60 mph** 4.2-6.0 sec*

Mercedes-Benz GLE Coupe/GLE63 S

Base Price \$60,000-\$110,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW The GLE Coupe, Mercedes' X6 rival, arrives with two powerful engines, including a 362-hp, twin-turbo V-6 backed by a new nine-speed automatic that replaces the old seven-speed unit. The 577-hp GLE63 S comes with a snarling twin-turbo V-8 and a new dynamic select system, which allows the driver to change driving dynamics by altering transmission shift points, the amount of assist from the electronic aids, and steering effort. **Cool Fact** The twin-turbo V-8 is hand-built at AMG's HQ in Affalterbach, Germany.

Base Engine 3.0L/362-hp/384-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 5.5L/577-hp/561-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 7A/9A
Towing 6,600-7,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Mercedes' coupelike crossover comes to challenge the BMW X6.



EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated **0-60 mph** 9.0 sec*

Mercedes-Benz Metris

Base Price \$30,000* **Body Type** Van

ALL-NEW Slotting underneath the Sprinter is the new 2016 Metris, a midsize van with a max payload of 1,850 pounds or seating for up to eight passengers. A host of driver assistance features such as crosswind assist, attention assist, lane keeping assist, and active park assist are standard or available, and an engine start/stop system is also an option. Mercedes promises low ownership costs thanks to 15,000-mile maintenance intervals. **Cool Fact** The 2016 Metris will be the cheapest Mercedes-Benz model sold in the United States.

Base Engine 2.0L/208-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD, 7A
Seats/Foldaway 2-8/None
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

A smaller Sprinter with plenty of versatility and a touch of style.



MAX CARGO
COMMERCIAL VAN

Mercedes-Benz Sprinter

Base Price \$37,000-\$50,000* **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED The Sprinter van stays the same for 2016. It remains available with a four- or six-cylinder diesel engine, and it gained all- and four-wheel-drive options last year. Paired only with the V-6, the AWD system has a permanent 35/65 front/rear torque split, and a true two-speed transfer case with a 50/50 torque split in low range can be added. The Sprinter 4x4 rounds out the lineup, suggesting there really is a variant for almost any conceivable need. **Cool Fact** Upfitters have turned the Sprinter into everything from an ambulance to an RV.

Base Engine 2.1L/161-hp/266-lb-ft t'diesel I-4
Opt Engine 3.0L/188-hp/325-lb-ft t'diesel V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD/4WD, 5A/7A
Towing 7,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

You pay more, but you get more.



Mini Countryman/JCW

Base Price \$23,600-\$36,200 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The Park Lane special edition is available on all models except the JCW. Drawing inspiration from Park Lane in London, the Mini Countryman Park Lane comes with Earl Grey Metallic exterior paint with contrasting Oak Red roof and mirror caps, Oxide Silver door bezels and dash surfaces, and Cross Stripe Grey trim with Oak Red and Earl Grey accents. **Best Buy** The Countryman in 181-horsepower Cooper S trim provides good power and is available with all-wheel drive—just go easy on the options list.

Base Engine 1.6L/121-hp/114-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/181-208-hp/177-207-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%

The original four-door Mini.



Mini Paceman/JCW

Base Price \$24,400-\$36,450 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Fully Loaded package is now available on the JCW, but the City, Technology, and Loaded packages are gone. Aside from changes to the options list, the Paceman is essentially unchanged for the 2016 model year. Unlike the Countryman, the Paceman prioritizes style and performance over practicality. It features a coupelike roofline, a four-seat configuration, and a no-cost sport suspension setup. **Driver's Choice** The Paceman in Cooper S form is plenty of fun and available with all-wheel drive.

Base Engine 1.6L/121-hp/114-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/181-208-hp/177-207-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 53%

A more stylish alternative to the compact hatch or crossover.



MPG KING
THREE-ROW SUV

Mitsubishi Outlander

Base Price \$23,845-\$31,845 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR Refreshed with Mitsubishi's new Dynamic Shield design language, the 2016 Outlander returns with an improved suspension setup and reduced NVH for better refinement. Both I-4 and V-6 engines carry over, and so do the CVT and six-speed automatic. LED headlights are now available in the range-topping GT trim, and the interior features more soft-touch materials, a new steering wheel, and a new infotainment system. **Best Buy** The four-cylinder because the six-cylinder is underpowered for a V-6.

Base Engine 2.4L/166-hp/162-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.0L/224-hp/215-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/CVT
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4/5 stars (FWD/AWD); IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%

A fresh face and interior improvements breathe life into Mitsubishi's three-row offering.



Mitsubishi Outlander Sport

Base Price \$20,500-\$26,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED A more powerful 168-hp, 2.4-liter I-4 was added halfway through the 2015 model year as an optional engine choice. The Outlander Sport continues to be a value-driven proposition that features lengthy basic and powertrain warranties and plenty of standard features, including Bluetooth connectivity, 18-inch alloy wheels, a color LCD display between the gauges, and heated side-view mirrors. **Best Buy** The optional 2.4-liter I-4 provides a much-needed power boost for easier merging and passing.

Base Engine 2.0L/148-hp/145-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.4L/168-hp/167-lb-ft I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 5M/CVT
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/60,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%

Aging and facing more competition in the small crossover segment.



Nissan Armada

Base Price \$39,500-\$55,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED Not much is expected to change for the aging Armada, which received light cosmetic upgrades for 2015. A 317-horsepower V-8 and a five-speed automatic will likely remain as the only powertrain available, and the choice of rear- or four-wheel drive should stay, as well. With the spacious second and third rows folded, the Armada has a whopping 97.1 cubic feet of cargo space, making it ideal for road trips or hauling gear. **Look For** Frequent stops at the gas station due to the Armada's poor fuel economy and dated powertrain.

Base Engine 5.6L/317-hp/385-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 5A
Towing 9,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

Dated and in dire need of rejuvenation.

EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 12.4-13.0 sec*

EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-27/30-34 mpg 0-60 mph 6.6-10.9 sec

EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-27/30-34 mpg 0-60 mph 6.5-10.8 sec

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-25/27-31 mpg 0-60 mph 7.4-9.4 sec*

EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-24/26-30 mpg 0-60 mph 8.6-9.0 sec

EPA Econ City/Hwy 12-13/18-19 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.8 sec



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-19/21-23 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.2-9.5 sec*

Nissan Frontier

Base Price \$19,000-\$36,000* **Body Type** Pickup

UNCHANGED Higher trim levels of the Nissan Frontier gained some new equipment, including a standard 5-inch infotainment touchscreen, NissanConnect apps, and navigation for the Pro-4X model for 2015. Nissan will release an all-new Frontier with a gas V-6 from the long-standing VQ engine family (possibly with an optional Cummins-sourced turbodiesel I-4) and a seven-speed automatic sometime in the near future. **Avoid** The base 2.5-liter I-4 because its fuel economy is not much better than the more powerful V-6.

Base Engine 2.5/152-hp/171-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 4.0L/261-hp/281-lb-ft V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 5M/6M/5A
Towing 3,500-6,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 60%

Eagerly awaiting the arrival of the next-generation Frontier.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 25-28/29-34 mpg **0-60 mph** 6.4-7.3 sec

Nissan Juke

Base Price \$21,500-\$31,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Nissan Juke received a refresh that included an updated exterior and new tech features such as the Around View Monitor multicamera parking system for 2015. Among small crossovers, the Juke is one of the most entertaining to drive because of its excellent handling and strong turbo-four. However, if you need room for people or gear, you might want to look elsewhere because the Juke is tiny inside. **Driver's Choice** All models offer plenty of smiles on a twisty road, especially the Juke NISMO RS.

Base Engine 1.6L/188-hp/177-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 1.6L/211-215-hp/184-210-lb-ft turbo I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6M/CVT
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

Funky and fun all in one package.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21/28 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.0-7.4 sec

Nissan Murano

Base Price \$31,000-\$41,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Nissan Murano, all-new for 2015, gained a more expressive exterior design that stands out in a crowd. Thanks to a revised CVT and less weight, the Murano is more fuel efficient than before despite the carryover VQ35 V-6 engine sitting under the hood. Higher trims offer features such as forward emergency braking, Around View Monitor 360-degree cameras, adaptive cruise control, and LED headlights. **Look For** Plenty of stares even if you don't drive a Murano in Pacific Sunset orange.

Base Engine 3.5L/260-hp/240-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, CVT
Towing 1,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 48%

The most distinctive crossover on the market.



EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated **0-60 mph** 8.4-9.7 sec*

Nissan NV

Base Price \$27,500-\$39,500* **Body Type** Van

MINOR A new SL trim level, including an eight-way power driver's seat and chrome on the grille, door handles, and side mirrors, was added for 2015. Passenger and cargo variants are expected to continue for 2016 and come with a mind-boggling number of configurations for hauling people, cargo, or a mix of both. Both V-6 and V-8 engines are projected to carry over as the only engine choices. **Cool Fact** The NV Cargo has 57 reinforced integrated attachment points for aftermarket modifications for custom cargo equipment.

Base Engine 4.0L/261-hp/281-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 5.6L/317-hp/385-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD, 5A
Seats/Foldaway 2-12/None
Basic Warranty 5 yrs/100,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

Nissan's full-size commercial van is useful but could use a powertrain update.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 24/26 mpg **0-60 mph** 10.1 sec

Nissan NV200/Taxi

Base Price \$22,500-\$31,000* **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED A revised CVT, convenience features such as rear parking sensors, and an updated NissanConnect infotainment system with navigation and mobile app capability were added for 2015. Built specifically for use in the city, the NV200 excels in urban areas because of its small size, which allows it to squeeze through spaces that would be impossible for a large commercial vehicle. There's also up to 122.7 cubic feet of space in cargo variants.

Look For Room for four passengers plus luggage in the NV200 Taxi.

Base Engine 2.0L/131-hp/139-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, CVT
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/100,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%

Roomy, small, and perfect for the urban jungle.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-20/26-27 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.3 sec

Nissan Pathfinder

Base Price \$31,000-\$44,500* **Body Type** SUV

MINOR The hybrid model at the top of Pathfinder range has been discontinued. Otherwise, it remains the same; a mid-cycle refresh with the latest active safety tech and a refreshed front fascia could appear for the 2016 or 2017 model year. No longer the rugged off-road warrior that it used to be, the Pathfinder has been transformed into a three-row crossover for families that don't want to be seen in a minivan. **Avoid** Rock crawling off the beaten path because the Pathfinder only has 7.0 inches of ground clearance.

Base Engine 3.5L/260-hp/240-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, CVT
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 47%

More Mallfinder than Pathfinder.



EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 7.0-9.0 sec* | Nissan's large truck returns as a tweener in the truck world.

Base Engine 4.0L/261-hp/281-lb-ft V-6*
Opt Engine 5.6L/420-hp/417-lb-ft V-8*;
 5.0L/310-hp/555-lb-ft t'diesel V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 7,000-12,000 lb*
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



Nissan Titan/XD

Base Price \$30,000-\$46,000* **Body Type** Pickup

ALL-NEW The Titan returns with an available turbodiesel V-8 engine, straddling the line between light and heavy duty trucks. An Around View Monitor multi-camera parking system helps owners maneuver the truck in parking lots, and the Utili-Track system, the spray-in bedliner, LED under-rail and tailgate lights, and a gooseneck hitch should make it a credible work vehicle. **Cool Fact** A key fob-activated trailer light check system allows drivers to check lights remotely.



EPA Econ City/Hwy 20/27 mpg 0-60 mph 7.9 sec

Nissan Quest

Base Price \$27,500-\$45,000* **Body Type** Minivan

UNCHANGED For 2015, the Quest received a revised CVT that improved highway fuel economy and an available moving object detection system on the range-topping Platinum trim. No major changes are expected for 2016, but a couple new colors and reshuffled option packages are expected. Despite the Quest's polarizing exterior, the boxy shape remains, giving the minivan plenty of space for passengers and their stuff. **Cool Fact** Nissan's VQ35 V-6 engine is also found on the Murano, Altima, Maxima, and Pathfinder.

A minivan for those who like to be different.

Base Engine 3.5L/260-hp/240-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, CVT
Seats/Foldaway 7/2nd-3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 42%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 25-26/32-33 mpg 0-60 mph 8.8-9.1 sec*

Nissan Rogue

Base Price \$24,000-\$31,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The high-end Rogue SL benefits from a few updates, including the addition of forward emergency braking, to the SL Premium package. The SL trim also adds a motion-activated power liftgate, and the blind-spot monitoring system is now radar-based instead of camera-based. Siri Eyes Free functionality is now offered on the SV Premium package and the SL. Magnetic Black joins the list of exterior color options. **Cool Fact** In Japan, Nissan sells the Rogue as the X-Trail and offers it with a hybrid powertrain we're getting later.

One of the most family-friendly crossovers on the market.

Base Engine 2.5L/170-hp/175-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, CVT
Towing 1,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 15-16/20-22 mpg 0-60 mph 7.2-7.4 sec*

Nissan Xterra

Base Price \$25,000-\$32,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED A two-time *Motor Trend* SUV of the Year winner, the Xterra has reached the end of its second generation. It's unclear whether Nissan is preparing a replacement SUV, so get one while you can. For off-road warriors, the Xterra remains a great choice. Nissan's ubiquitous 4.0-liter V-6 provides sufficient power; however, fuel economy remains a weak point. **Best Buy** For maximum off-road capability, the Xterra Pro-4X comes standard with Bilstein shock absorbers and an electronic locking rear differential.

Fare thee well, two-time *Motor Trend* SUV of the Year winner!

Base Engine 4.0L/261-hp/281-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6M/5A
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-21/21-29 mpg; 47 mpg-e comb 0-60 mph 3.8-6.9 sec* | The Turbo S is the SUV equivalent of Ludicrous Speed.

Porsche Cayenne/S E-Hybrid PHEV/Turbo S

Base Price \$59,295-\$158,295 **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The Cayenne ranks swell to seven with the addition of a new base model, the aggressive GTS, and the supreme Turbo S. The Turbo S, in typical fashion, has more power than is possible to enjoy legally outside a racetrack. Our pick is the GTS, which has the right balance if you want some sport from your utility vehicle. The plug-in hybrid and diesel variants make the most of each gallon without feeling boring or less than luxurious. **Driver's Choice** Numbers aside, the GTS is the sportiest-feeling Cayenne.

Base Engine 3.6L/300-hp/295-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/240-hp/406-lb-ft t'diesel V-6;
 3.6L/420-440-hp/406-442-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6;
 3.0L s'chg'd V-6 + elec, 416 hp;
 4.8L/520-570-hp/553-590-lb-ft twin-turbo V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 7,700 lb*
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 17/23 mpg 0-60 mph 4.2-4.9 sec

Porsche Macan S/Turbo

Base Price \$53,595-\$74,895 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED Porsche's newest SUV has become the automaker's second-best-selling vehicle in the U.S. behind its big brother. Despite the Macan sharing a platform with the Audi Q5, Porsche has done an excellent job differentiating the driving experience. The PDK transmission is excellent, and the optional air suspension allows the smaller crossover to be equally comfortable on the highway, a mountain road, and even off-road. **Look For** A lower-priced entry-level model to arrive on the scene if supply ever catches up to demand.

As expensive as it is capable.

Base Engine 3.0L/340-hp/339-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Opt Engine 3.6L/400-hp/406-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 7-sp twin-cl auto
Towing 4,400 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



MPG KING
FULL-SIZE TRUCK
V-6

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14-21/20-29 mpg 0-60 mph 6.8-8.8 sec*

Ram 1500/Rebel

Base Price \$27,000-\$55,000* **Body Type** Pickup

MINOR The Ram 1500 recently introduced two new trim levels: the off-road Rebel and the luxurious Laramie Limited. The Rebel sports specific Toyo 33-inch all-terrain tires, skidplates, tow hooks, a unique grille, and black-on-red interior seats embossed with the truck's tire tread pattern. The center console design changes and in-bed LED lighting can now be had on all models except the tonneau-wearing HFE. **Best Buy** The EcoDiesel provides the right balance of fuel economy and capability: lots of both.

The quietly competent contender for the podium.

COMPARISON
WINNER

Base Engine 3.6L/305-hp/269-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/240-hp/420-lb-ft t'diesel V-6; 5.7L/395-hp/410-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A/8A
Towing 7,600-10,650 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 52%



MAX TOW
HEAVY DUTY
TRUCK

EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 8.5-9.5 sec*

Ram HD

Base Price \$32,680-\$67,675 **Body Type** Pickup

MINOR The Ram HD, with the Cummins I-6-equipped Ram 3500, steps up and becomes King of Torque Hill with an astonishing 900 lb-ft on tap at 1,700 rpm. The torque increase also widens the SAE J2807-compliant max-towing gap, pushing the Ram into the low-30,000-pound range. The new Laramie Limited adds premium interior materials, real wood interior accents, unique badges, and far less chrome than the Longhorn. **Cool Fact** 900 lb-ft of torque is the most torque ever offered in a mass-produced vehicle.

The challenge has been issued.

Base Engine 5.7L/383-hp/400-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 6.4L/370-410-hp/429-lb-ft V-8; 6.7L/350-385-hp/660-900-lb-ft t'diesel I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6M/6A
Towing 13,940-31,210 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%



EPA Econ City/Hwy Not Rated 0-60 mph 8.2-10.0 sec*

Ram ProMaster

Base Price \$30,165-\$38,575 **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED The long-wheelbase, high-roof, extended configuration is now available with windows. RV and shuttle conversions benefit from a chrome grille option, and to make upfitter lives easier, the ProMaster gets two 20-amp ancillary switches on the instrument panel with an auxiliary battery wiring prep package. The ProMaster offers a pair of engines, a turbodiesel I-4 and the venerable Pentastar V-6, each driving the front wheels. **Cool Fact** The three-piece front fascia is designed to keep repair costs and downtime low.

Ram's biggest van is finding plenty of takers.

Base Engine 3.6L/280-hp/260-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/174-hp/295-lb-ft t'diesel I-4
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 6A/6-sp auto-cl manual
Towing 5,100 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 45%



EPA Econ City/Hwy 21/29 mpg 0-60 mph 9.8 sec*

Ram ProMaster City

Base Price \$24,500-\$27,000* **Body Type** Van

UNCHANGED The ProMaster City, new last year, is the replacement for the Ram Cargo Van. Cargo hold packaging is optimized with the tall roof and generous width, lending the Ram a class-leading 131.7 cubic feet of capacity. For 2016 Bluetooth is added to entry-level radios, heavier carpet improves comfort and lowers interior noise, and a new Nexen all-season tire fitment promises both better performance and less rolling resistance. **Best Buy** With so many class-leading figures, the ProMaster City looks like a sure bet on paper.

Specs don't make the van, but the ProMaster City is worth a look.

Base Engine 2.4L/178-hp/174-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD, 9A
Towing 2,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 43%



MAX CARGO
COMPACT SUV

EPA Econ City/Hwy 22-24/29-32 mpg 0-60 mph 6.2-9.0 sec

Subaru Forester

Base Price \$23,245-\$30,045 **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Forester benefits from the new Starlink infotainment system, which features a standard 6.2-inch touchscreen on variants without navigation. On the Premium, Limited, and Touring trims, the available navigation system adds a larger 7.0-inch touchscreen. Both versions of Starlink have familiar touchscreen swiping and pinch-to-zoom functionality. **Driver's Choice** The 250-horsepower Forester XT provides great performance on- and off-road, agile handling, and has a spacious cabin for people and gear.

Motor Trend's 2014 SUV of the Year continues to be an excellent, well-rounded choice.

Base Engine 2.5L/170-hp/174-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/250-hp/258-lb-ft turbo flat-4
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 6M/CVT
Towing 1,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 62%



Subaru Outback

Base Price \$25,845-\$34,245 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR New for 2015, the Outback enters 2016 with enhanced steering feel and a retuned suspension. The optional EyeSight safety suite now comes with lane keeping assist, and the Limited trim adds blind-spot warning and rear cross traffic alert as standard. On Premium and Limited trims, Subaru's Starlink infotainment system adds features such as automatic collision notification and vehicle diagnostics alert. **Cool Fact** The Subaru Outback was one of the first modern crossover wagons when it was introduced in 1994.

Base Engine 2.5L/175-hp/174-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine 3.6L/256-hp/247-lb-ft flat-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, CVT
Towing 3,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 96%

Descendant of Subaru's 4WD wagon from the '70s.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-25/27-33 mpg 0-60 mph 7.3-9.2 sec



Subaru XV Crosstrek

Base Price \$22,500-\$31,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED Subaru's new Starlink infotainment system and the full EyeSight suite of safety and driver assistance features were added last year. No major changes are expected for the 2016 model and its hybrid variant. Although it isn't the quickest, the XV Crosstrek remains one of the most practical small crossovers because of its spacious interior, excellent fuel economy, and class-leading safety scores. **Best Buy** The gas variant because its fuel economy isn't a big downgrade from the pricier hybrid variant.

Base Engine 2.0L/148-hp/145-lb-ft flat-4
Opt Engine 2.0L flat-4 + elec, 160 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 5M/CVT
Towing 1,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 62%

When an Impreza hatchback is out of the question.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 23-30/31-34 mpg 0-60 mph 8.8-10.3 sec*



Tesla Model X

Base Price \$75,500-\$100,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Tesla's first crossover is expected to join the Model S sedan sometime in the next couple years. The Model X will be taller and have more interior space and better ground clearance than the Model S. The Model X will also be more distinctive due to its unique falcon-wing rear passenger doors. Expect two- and three-row seating options and all-wheel-drive powertrains. **Cool Fact** We took a ride in a Model X prototype in early 2012 ... and we're still waiting for the SUVs to hit the assembly line.

Base Motor 329-hp dual elec
Opt Motor 362-hp elec; 422-hp dual elec;
 691-hp dual elec
Drivetrain RWD/AWD, 1A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

Tesla swoops in to shake up the luxury crossover segment.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 89-101/98-106 mpg-e* 0-60 mph 4.5-6.5 sec*



Toyota 4Runner/TRD Pro

Base Price \$34,500-\$43,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The 4Runner carries over unchanged from the 2015 model year. The TRD Pro model, which is powered by the same 270-hp V-6 found in all 4Runners, is the most capable when it comes to off-road chops because of its TRD-tuned suspension, 17-inch TRD wheels, Bilstein shocks, aluminum skidplates, electronic locking rear differential, and Multi-Terrain Select and Crawl Control systems. **Best Buy** The TRD Pro and Trail models are the most off-roadworthy, capable of handling almost any type of surface.

Base Engine 4.0L/270-hp/278-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/AWD/4WD, 5A
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 60%

When outright off-road capability is priority one and creature comforts are second.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 17/21-22 mpg 0-60 mph 7.5 sec



Toyota Highlander

Base Price \$31,000-\$51,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED All non-hybrid Highlanders now come standard with the Tow Prep package, and the XLE gains 18-inch alloy wheels with a gunmetal gray finish. Hybrid models carry over unchanged, and models with the Platinum package now have rain-sensing wipers. The in-dash shelf in the Highlander remains one of its distinguishing features, adding an extra helping of storage space for front occupants. **Avoid** The base four-cylinder Highlander, which only gets 1 mpg better in the city than the more powerful V-6 engine.

Base Engine 2.7L/185-hp/184-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 3.5L/270-hp/248-lb-ft V-6; 3.5L V-6 + elec, 280 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/CVT
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 59%

An ultra-practical crossover for the minivan- and wagon-averse.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 18-28/24-28 mpg 0-60 mph 7.1-8.7 sec*



Toyota Land Cruiser

Base Price \$81,500* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR The iconic Land Cruiser gets a comprehensive update that includes an eight-speed automatic replacing the old six-speed unit, a revised front and rear fascia, Qi wireless charging, and an updated infotainment system with a 9-inch touchscreen. Toyota's newly available Safety Sense-P suite features automatic emergency braking, pedestrian detection, adaptive cruise control, blind-spot warning, and rear cross-traffic alert. **Look For** A standard rear seat entertainment system, now with two larger 10-inch screens.

Base Engine 5.7L/381-hp/401-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, 4WD, 6A
Towing 8,200 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 57%

Toyota's off-road icon, modernized.

EPA Econ City/Hwy 14/19 mpg* 0-60 mph 6.5 sec



Base Engine 2.7L/159-hp/180-lb-ft I-4*
Opt Engine 3.5L/280-hp/270-lb-ft V-6*
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6M/6A
Towing 3,500-6,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 65%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-20/23-27 mpg* **0-60 mph** 6.9-9.0 sec*

Redesigned and ready to take on the newcomers from Detroit.

Toyota Tacoma **Base Price** \$22,000-\$37,500* **Body Type** Pickup

ALL-NEW Despite its evolutionary styling, the biggest change in the new Tacoma is the addition of a new direct- and port-injected, 3.5-liter V-6 and a six-speed auto. TRD Off-Road models with a retuned suspension, Multi-Terrain Select system, and a locking limited-slip differential offer the most capability off the beaten path. The interior has been revised and is now available with leather, wireless charging, and a new infotainment system. **Cool Fact** A GoPro mount is included and located near the Tacoma's rearview mirror.



Toyota RAV4

Base Price \$24,500-\$30,000* **Body Type** SUV

MAJOR A newly available AWD hybrid powertrain replaces the electric variant. Non-hybrids gain the SE trim, which has a sport-tuned suspension, 18-inch alloy wheels, LED lights, leatherette seats, and paddle shifters. A new suite of safety aids includes adaptive cruise control, lane departure warning, a pedestrian avoidance pre-collision system, and forward collision warning. **Cool Fact** The RAV4's new multicamera parking system has a perimeter scan feature that provides a 360-degree rotating view of what's around the crossover.

Base Engine 2.5L/176-hp/172-lb-ft I-4
Opt Engine 2.5L I-4 + elec, 194 hp*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/CVT
Towing 1,500 lb*
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 55%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 22-35/29-33 mpg* **0-60 mph** 8.0-8.7 sec*

The spacious RAV4 gets more serious about challenging the CR-V.



Toyota Sequoia

Base Price \$46,000-\$65,500* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Toyota Sequoia adds a host of new safety and convenience features on the Limited trim via the Safety and Convenience package, including blind-spot warning, lane changing assist, and driver's seat and side mirror memory. A new version of Toyota's Entune infotainment system with navigation, which now features Scout GPS Link and Siri Eyes Free, has been added to all trim levels. **Cool Fact** The Sequoia's standard V-8 engine is shared with two other Toyota vehicles, the Tundra and Land Cruiser.

Base Engine 5.7L/381-hp/401-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 7,400 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 55%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 13/17 mpg **0-60 mph** 6.2-6.7 sec

Rugged, capable, and reliable, but it's getting old.



Toyota Sienna

Base Price \$30,000-\$44,000* **Body Type** Minivan

UNCHANGED No changes are expected after the 2015 Sienna received new features such as the Driver Easy Speak system, a revised exterior design, and upgraded interior materials. The Sienna is the only minivan available with AWD, making it easier to live with in areas that experience four seasons. The SE model, with its retuned suspension and steering, is one of the sportier-looking and -driving minivans available today. **Look For** Second-row captain's chairs with adjustable ottomans on the XLE AWD and Limited grades.

Base Engine 3.5L/266-hp/245-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Seats/Foldaway 7-8/3rd row
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 51%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 16-18/23-25 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.1-7.4 sec

The hip family minivan.



Toyota Tundra/TRD Pro

Base Price \$30,000-\$49,500* **Body Type** Pickup

MINOR In addition to an updated grille for the SR5 and 1794 Edition, the 2016 Tundra gains the Entune infotainment system as standard. Limited and TRD Pro models get the premium version with navigation and the app suite, and the 1794 Edition and Platinum variant build upon that with the JBL audio system. RWD models are now available with a flex fuel variant, and a larger fuel tank is standard on the Limited, Platinum, 1794 Edition, and TRD Pro models. **Driver's Choice** The Tundra TRD Pro has been tuned for maximum off-road performance.

Base Engine 4.6L/310-hp/327-lb-ft V-8
Opt Engine 5.7L/381-hp/401-lb-ft V-8
Drivetrain Front engine, RWD/4WD, 6A
Towing 6,800-10,500 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 64%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 13-15/17-19 mpg **0-60 mph** 6.7-8.9 sec

Still behind the Detroit Three.



Volkswagen CrossBlue (2017)

Base Price \$30,000-\$45,000* **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW VW's three-row crossover entry will be built alongside the Passat in the automaker's plant in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Slotting in price between the smaller Tiguan and the larger, more luxury-oriented Touareg, the CrossBlue should be offered with a diesel powertrain in addition to the usual array of gas engines. Expect a full suite of active safety tech, including an auto-braking collision avoidance system and adaptive cruise control. **Cool Fact** The CrossBlue is meant to be a three-row replacement for the long-gone Routan minivan.

Base Engine 2.0L/220-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4*
Opt Engines 3.0L/300-hp/295-lb-ft twin-turbo V-6*; 3.0L/240-hp/428-lb-ft t'diesel V-6*
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/7-sp twin-cl auto*
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-24/26-32 mpg* **0-60 mph** 6.0-8.0 sec*

And the waiting game continues ...



Volkswagen Tiguan

Base Price \$28,000-\$39,000* **Body Type** SUV

UNCHANGED The Tiguan S gains standard hands-free keyless entry/start, leatherette upholstery, heated front seats, and automatic headlights. SEL models now come with leather upholstery, 19-inch alloy wheels, driver's seat memory, and power-folding side mirrors. The R-Line trim now slots above the S grade, and the SE variant now gets HID headlights, 18-inch alloy wheels, power driver's seat, and a panoramic sunroof. **Look For** A roomier next-generation Tiguan in the next couple years, possibly with available diesel power.

Base Engine 2.0L/200-hp/207-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine None
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A
Towing N/A
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 4 stars
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 46%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20-21/26 mpg **0-60 mph** 7.4-7.8 sec

VW's least expensive SUV is getting long in the tooth.



Volkswagen Touareg

Base Price \$46,000-\$53,000* **Body Type** SUV

MINOR Volkswagen has discontinued the Touareg Hybrid, leaving the TDI and gas V-6 as the only available powertrains. The Lux trim adds ventilated seats and adjustable side bolsters, and the Executive grade now comes with adaptive cruise control, forward collision warning with automatic emergency braking, and lane keeping assist. The available Driver Assistance package gains parking distance control on the Sport w/ Tech trim. **Cool Fact** One info screen features an altimeter, compass, and details on the angle of the front wheels.

Base Engine 3.6L/280-hp/266-lb-ft V-6
Opt Engine 3.0L/240-hp/406-lb-ft t'diesel V-6
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 7,700 lb
Basic Warranty 3 yrs/36,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 41%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-21/23-29 mpg **0-60 mph** 6.8-7.3 sec

The people's luxury crossover.



Volvo XC60

Base Price \$37,395-\$47,945 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR After a major refresh for the 2015 model year, the XC60 is unchanged for 2016. The variants with navigation no longer come with a compass. The T5 AWD variant with a more powerful turbo I-5 replaced the 3.2 AWD model in the middle of the 2015 model year. XC60s equipped with the new family of four-cylinder engines remain front-drive only, and the T6 AWD and R-Design models continue to use the 3.0-liter turbo I-6. **Best Buy** Any XC60 if the Outback-like XC70 and V60 Cross Country are too wagon-like for your tastes.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L/302-hp/295-lb-ft s'chg'd and turbo I-4; 2.5L/240-hp/266-lb-ft turbo I-5; 3.0L/300-325-hp/354-lb-ft turbo I-6
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/8A
Towing 3,500 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
Safety NHTSA: 5 stars; IIHS: TSP+
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 17-23/23-31 mpg **0-60 mph** 5.5-7.0 sec*

Excels at being safe and stylish but not much else.



Volvo XC70

Base Price \$38,040-\$39,540 **Body Type** SUV

MINOR Heated front seats and 18-inch alloy wheels are now standard on all Volvo XC70 variants. The T6 AWD and 3.2 AWD trims have been discontinued, and a new T5 AWD model has been added and comes equipped with a 250-hp, 2.5-liter, turbo I-5 paired to a six-speed automatic. Because it's essentially a raised wagon, the XC70 boasts plenty of cargo space—up to 72.1 cubic feet with the 40/20/40 split-folding rear seats down. **Look For** A successor, likely to be called the V90 or V90 Cross Country, to be revealed sometime in 2016.

Base Engine 2.0L/240-hp/258-lb-ft turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.5L/250-hp/266-lb-ft turbo I-5
Drivetrain Front engine, FWD/AWD, 6A/8A
Towing 3,300 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles
IntelliChoice 5-Yr Retained Value 50%

EPA Econ City/Hwy 19-23/26-31 mpg **0-60 mph** 6.5-8.5 sec*

The definitive Swedish all-weather and all-road wagon.



Volvo XC90/T8 PHEV

Base Price \$49,895-\$72,595 **Body Type** SUV

ALL-NEW Volvo has unleashed the second-generation XC90, and it comes equipped with the new Drive-E family of four-cylinder engines, an eight-speed automatic transmission, and a new design language. Safety remains a priority with standard City Safety and pedestrian and cyclist detection with full auto brake. A 400-hp plug-in hybrid called the T8 will be one of the most powerful and fuel efficient three-row luxury crossovers. **Cool Fact** The T-shaped LED daytime lights are supposed to resemble Thor's hammer.

Base Engine 2.0L/316-hp/295-lb-ft s'chg'd and turbo I-4
Opt Engine 2.0L s'chg'd and turbo I-4 + elec, 400 hp
Drivetrain Front engine, AWD, 8A
Towing 5,000 lb
Basic Warranty 4 yrs/50,000 miles

EPA Econ City/Hwy 20/25 mpg; Not Rated (T8) **0-60 mph** 5.7-7.0 sec*

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